to the carrying on of the business, also the amount of your purchases and of the stock on hand. — you can add also an estimate of the amount of your sales of the articles you refer to as yeilding but a small profit and any other matter which ought to be taken into consideration. —

At the commencement of an important undertaking we are to apt to be influenced by every adverse occurrence however trivial to deem a failure — I had my fears as well as you — in my case the result proved them to be unfounded and so I trust it will in yours hopes however of success so speedy and ample ought not to be indulged, the change the times have undergone rendering an expectation of that kind unreasonable. — I should have replied to your letter earlier but I was busy in procuring Sec when it arrived and have since been in Baltimore. —

Be pleased to present my respectfull compliments to Mr Marshall Esq Esq — — and accept for yourself my fervent wishes for your health and prosperity —

With sincere esteem I remain
Yours Truly
Signed W. Clinton

Mr W. C. Thomson
Hagers Town Md

Dear Sir

Hagers. Town Feby 25th 1826

I have copied the foregoing from a letter received from Mr C. in answer to one I addressed to him immediately upon the receipt of the one I had forwarded for your consideration, I will make no comment upon his answer, but should be pleased to know what conclusions you may draw from it, as I have copied it verbatim ommitting [illegible]g sentence not connected with the subject,

You will discover it will be no trifling business to furnish all the information he desires, although it will require an inventory to be taken, yet that shall not deter me, he shall have all the light thrown on the subject that I can possibly give, not wishing to hold back anything connected with the business although it will be attended with much inconvenience and trouble, he wishes to procrastinate that I will not agree to, as it can be attended with no good effect I will prepare the information required without delay and endeavour to obtain a meeting with him at Frederick, I intend to request the favour of him to meet me there for the purpose of having old grind stone out of the way, this accomplished and all matters I think will be amicably adjusted please remember me to your family

Yours Very Sincerely W. C. Thomson