promise did it under an idea that there would be no Federal candidate. and I presume will not now consider themselves bound, except a few, unless you will give the pledges required respecting the opposing tolls on the road and an appropriation to repair it and to favour the interest of the potomac. you must not expect a Vote in the county - but if you make these pledges you may expect many of the federal Votes in this county - you had better be up here as soon as possible, at any rate by the 24th. and bring the printed letters with you

I remain Dear
Yours Sincerely
John Hoye

John Lee Esq.

Cumberland Alligany County Md Aug 1832

Sir

understanding that you are a candidate to represent this district in Congress - I am requested by many persons in this county (who is materially interested in having the United States Road from this to Wheeling kept free of tolls and to have an appropriation made by Congress to repair it) to request you to advise us by an early mail, if you should be elected to represent this district, whether you will use your utmost efforts to oppose a toll on said road and do all in your power to have an appropriation made to repair the same and whether you will use the same exertions in favour of a canal navigation on the potomac river — Many persons in this county will be governed in their choice entirely by these subjects - nor will they Vote for any Gentleman who will not give a decisive answer to these inquiries

I remain Sir &c
Wm Ogle
John Hoye

Copy sent to each candidate for Congress

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