yourself — the drawer of the note, I should be satisfied, and for the ballance would be willing to take your note at a reasonable date to suit yr. convenience. As it is desirable to hear from you before Major Peter leaves this, you will be so good as to write me as soon as possible on this subject. It has been reported that Mr. Clay is dead, but we hope there may be no foundation for it. You will come into Congress at a very interesting period. It is thought highly probable that Congress will eventually have to decide between the conflicting claims of the Presidential Candidates, and it is believed that Congress will concentrate the first talents of the nation. — Most truly yrs. Friend

Geo. Washington

Dear Sir

Ridgewood Oct. 30, 1822

By the last Mail I received your letter of the 25th. and as the subject matter is of grave import I lose no time in communicating my answer. Whatever may be the amount I am justly indebted to Major Peter I will endeavour to settle with you, when the sum is fixed — but I cannot admit one half of the amount he claims. His acceptance of Gen. Stokes' note covers the five Columbia Bank Shares, and I am very clear that I owe him but a small portion of $1000 for the balance. I have had the subject for some time past on my mind and since I got your letter have referred to my Memorandum. I shall be obliged to you to call on Gen. Mason in person, and enquire of him if he received a letter which I wrote to him on the 13th of this month, and transmitted by Mail. Not having received an answer I am desirous to know if it reached him, and in that event, whether it is his intention to furnish me with the statement asked for — which relates to my agency in obtaining at the request of the Potomac Company, from the Legislature of Maryland in Feby. 1821, the resolution authorising Commissioners to survey and explore the Potomac &c.

We have an abundance of game and fine sporting. Come up by the 15th or 20th November and bring your company to pass a week.

Yours truly & faithfully R. E. Lee

George C. Washington Esq. Georgetown

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