Nedwood Sept. 10, 1823.

Sir

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I owe you an apology for the delay in acknowledging your letter of the 5th July. It was postmarked in Frederick the 15th and did not reach me until the day before that fixed for your excursion. I could not therefore convey my regret in time at not being able to join your party. A severe indisposition soon after furnishes an additional excuse for my neglect.

Permit me to express mine in common with the general congratulation on the successful result of your labours, and to assure you that I shall be thankful for any information on the great subject of uniting the waters of the Potomac and the Ohio. To your laudable efforts in ascertaining the facility with which this junction may be effected, the public is largely indebted. In aid of its execution much may be expected from the spirited exertions of individuals, and still more from Congress and the State Legislatures, whose munificence could not be more beneficially exhibited, than in the accomplishment of a work, contributing so materially to preserve the Union of these States, and enlarge their prosperity.

you will please to consider me a subscriber to the Map &c. you propose to publish.

with much respect

Yr. obed. servt.

J. Lee

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