calculated to alarm all who deprecate a return to that state of confusion & debility which immediately preceded the adoption of the federal constitution.

To prevent the subversion of a policy, which has so greatly promoted the prosperity of the country, & to guard the federal government from encroachments on its legitimate powers, are objects dear to every one who justly estimates the stability & advantages of the union. The undersigned therefore, fully persuaded of your devotion to the principles for which their political friends are now contending, respectfully ask your co-operation in the great work in which they are engaged, & will be happy at any time it may suit your convenience to receive any suggestions you may think proper to make in furtherance of this object.

With sentiments of regard

Wm. Pitt Preston } members of the Committee — Wm. Roberts

G. M. Eichelberger — Wm. Bradley Tyler, Chairman of the Cor. Com.

Annapolis 15. Aug 1837

Sir,

Yr. polite invitation to attend a meeting of the central committee on Monday following next was rec.d yesterday. To day I am forced to set out on a visit to my father in law & if I can will return in time to join your proposed meeting. If not will see you as I return.

For the complete success of yr. useful labours you have my heartly wishes. There is much in the times to disgust and more to alarm — and it behooves every man who has discernment to see the danger to do all he can to avert it. It would be now worse than idle to dispute about mere principles of measures vital to the public welfare are at stake. From the composition of the new cabinet the nation I think has a right to expect some check upon the mischievous views of the President. They will at least restrain him about the low influence which has hitherto governed him or I am persuaded two of its members will soon quit their posts. There is still however much to apprehend which we can learn by the Official Paper that under the new organization all the energies of the admn are to be exerted to carry into complete effect the views of the chief magistrate.

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