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Baltimore May 14. 1828

My Dear Arthur

I have received your letter and delayed replying to ~~it~~ for a few days in order that I might hear from Capt Marbury to whom I had sent the bond given by Bulony & Progers - Capt Marbury writes to me that the bond is for \$983.⁹⁸/₁₀₀ bearing interest from the 9th of March 1826 - and payable on the 9th of March last. - and I am sorry to say that he supposes it will be necessary to put the bond in suit - He will however I presume write to you himself on the subject -

My two daughters Anne & Elizabeth are in Georgetown, at the wedding of Rebecca Key who is to be married tonight - we heard from them today - and your friends in Georgetown are all well - My own family are as usual - & my own health is just enough to enable me to drag along with my professional engagements in the midst of pain & suffering.

I think with you that you would resume the
profession of the law in this state under many dis-
advantages, after the severe shock your health has
sustained and that your plans for the future are
the best that can be formed - And a respectable
appointment at Washington would be much pre-
ferable to retirement in a foreign - If your friends
succeed in the approaching contest I am quite
confident that something can be obtained -
Your own entire fitness & the strong efforts that
would be made in your behalf give the best hopes
of your success.

You ask me what we think of the prospects of
Genl. Jackson? - We do not doubt his success &
have no reason to suppose that the death of Genl.
Clinton (although greatly to be lamented,) will im-
pair Jackson's strength in New York. - In Maryland
we shall give him 6 votes certain & think our
chances equally good with that of our adver-
saries for ~~four~~^{of the} remaining five. - The election is becoming
warm & Mr. Clay has been here electioneering & left
as this morning - His visit & speech will not
add to his strength.

be joined in love to you & Mrs. Schoff - and Mrs.
Laney & my sisters desire also to be remem-
bered to Miss Forsyth - Allow me to hear from
you as often as your wisdom will permit - and
if I am not punctual in replying you will
I am sure impute it to its true cause - that
is my bad health which often for a week
at a time totally unfit for writing a
letter - Present my respects to Mr. Forsyth
& believe me to be

Most truly your friend

R. B. Laney

Roger B. Tenny

May 14. 1828.

Handwritten flourish

Arthur Throff Esquire

Millersville

Georgia



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My two daughters Anne & Elizabeth are in George Town, at the wedding of Rebecca King who is to be married tonight - We heard from them today - and your friends in George Town are all well - My own family are as usual - & my own health is just enough to enable me to drag along with my professional engagements in the midst of pain & suffering.

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On verso:

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