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Baltimore Dec. 8. 1828

My Dear Arthur

I have received your letter, & shall certainly do every thing in my power to forward your wishes. Nobody can undertake to say what course Gen. Jackson will take. - Yet his friends here and believe that he will cleanse the offices of the corruption which has crept into them, and if he does so there will be many vacancies. It can hardly be expected that he would suffer those who to remain about him who have been employed for the last four years in lauding ^{Prof.} Adams & Clay & calumniating Gen. Jackson, instead of minding the duties of their offices. - Acting under these impressions I have the strongest hopes that your views will be accomplished. - But as there will no doubt be many applications, it would seem to me desirable that you should be at ^{George Town} Washington &c

Early in the winter as your convenience will per-
-mit - For I take for granted that many things will
be determined on before the inauguration - and
if you are on the spot, you will be in a con-
-dition to avail yourself of circumstances as they
occur. - And indeed it would take some time for
you to ascertain to what point it would be
- prudent to direct your application. - I do most
- sincerely hope my dear Mother that you will
- succeed for I am quite sure that your Mother
- will never suffer you to practice law with ad-
- vantage - and that nobody can better deserve
- such an office as you seek than yourself - for
- nobody could be better qualified - nor better
- disposed to do the duty faithfully. -

In what way will you come North? - If you
- can take Baltimore in your way, we should be
- very glad to have yourself & Mr. Maest spending
- some of your time with us. - Mr. Tenny said the
- girls desire to be affectionately remembered to
- yourself & Mr. Maest & Miss Julia - Make my best respects
- to Mr. Forsyth - Most truly my dear Mother's friend
- R. B. Tenny

Roger B. Taney
Decem. 8. 1828.



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Arthur Thwaite Esquire

Millersville

Georgia



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My Dear Arthur

I have received your letter, & shall certainly do every thing in my power to forward your wishes. Nobody can undertake to say what course Genl. Jackson will take. - Yet his friends hope and believe that he will cleanse the offices of the corruption which has crept into them; and if he does so there will be many vacancies. It can hardly be expected that he would suffer these clerks to remain about him who have been employed for the last four years in lauding Mess.^{rs} Adams & Clay & calumniating Genl. Jackson, instead of minding the duties of their offices. - Acting under these impressions I have the strongest hopes that your views will be accomplished - But as there will no doubt be many applications, it would seem to me desirable that you should be at George Town as early in the winter as your convenience will permit - For I take for granted that many things will be determined on before the inauguration - and if you are on the spot, you will be in a condition to avail yourself of circumstances as they occur. - And indeed it would take some time for you to ascertain to what point it would be prudent to direct your application. - I do most sincerely hope my dear Arthur that you will succeed for I am quite sure that your health will never suffer you to practice law with advantage - and that nobody can better deserve such an office as you seek than yourself - for nobody could be better qualified - nor better disposed to do the duty faithfully. -

In what way will you come North? - If you can take Baltimore in your way, we should be very glad to have yourself & M.^{rs} Shaaff spending some of your time with us. - M.^{rs} Taney and the girls desire to be affectionately remembered to yourself & M.^{rs} Shaaff & Miss Julia - Make my best respects to M.^r Forrester [?], - Most truly my dear Arthur. Y.^r friend R. B. Taney

On verso: Arthur Shaaff Esquire
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