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Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, Oct. 9. 1839.

Dear Sir,

I have the satisfaction of announcing the election of our entire Ticket, though by a narrow majority, arising from a very meagre vote, as well as the defection of the Abolitionists. My majority in this County is about 375 out of a narrow vote of about 3500 - being about 33 per cent. The abolition ticket robbed me, it is supposed, of about 300 votes which it received, & about as many more which it kept away from the polls by the confusion which it created. The Loco Foco also colonized largely in the Canal Townships, comprising two of our strongest districts, & succeeded thereby, together with the aid of the Abolitionists in completely neutralizing our usual majority.

I have been waiting for the Butler mail which has just arrived with the intelligence that I am in a minority of 69 votes in all but five townships which it is expected will place me in a majority of about 90 votes in the whole Township. I am considerably ahead of the ticket there, but the prospects for our Assemblyman are decidedly favorable.

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are unfavorable from Mercer, though too early to
be relied on. The system of colonization has been
largely practiced on in both these Counties. In
Washington Hopkins is run hard, & if elected, will
it is said, make a narrow escape. It is stated
that his name has been scratched by 52 votes of
his own party, in the Township where he resides.
Upon the whole we are doing pretty well, if that be
sufficient when we ought to be doing better.

Mr. Wallace tells me that he has written to
you about the millstones.

Very truly your friend,

Thos. Williams.

C. B. Pearson Esq.



E. B. Remondy Esq.
Buffalo,
Amma.

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I have been waiting for the Butler mail which has just arrived with the intelligence that I am in a minority of 69 votes in all but five townships which it is expected will place me in a majority of about 57 votes in the whole Township. I'm now considerably ahead of the ticket there, but the prospects for our assembly man are decidedly favorable.

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