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York Feb 9th 1831

Dear Sir

I mentioned to you when in Carlisle my opinion as to the jealousy of the people of York towards any project which would contemplate running a Rail Road from the River Susquehanna to this place by any route above the Codorus creek. My anticipations have proved perfectly correct with the exception that I perhaps underrated their warmth upon this subject. Since my return it has been whispered not only whispered but openly said by some persons here that my object in visiting Carlisle was to get up a meeting for that very purpose i.e. running a RRoad from the river to this place. Now, as I do not wish to lie under an imputation so perfectly false when the means of complete

reputation may be so easily attained I would
beg of you my dear Sir as a particular
favor to answer the questions attached to
this letter for which I shall be much indebted.

Did I not state that my object was to get
some of your leading men to write to your
members respecting our charter in order to
excite their zeal upon the subject?

Did I not say to you that it would be highly
important to have the Southern counties united
upon any subject important to them?

When a Rail Road from the river to York was
spoken of did I not oppose it by saying it
would destroy our Cadmus navigation?

Further, did I not say that such a project
would be opposed by every man woman &
child of York & that I would oppose it as
long as I could raise my voice against
it until I could be satisfied that our
Navigation would not answer when I
would be willing for it to stop before?

Individual answers to these enquiries will
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to recollect my language upon the occasion
a reference to the gentlemen of the Committee
& the signature of one or more of those I
conversed with to yr letter would lay
me under an obligation which I should
feel happy to repay at any time

Please present my best respects to Mr & Mrs
Thom & accept for yourself the assurance
of respect & esteem

Yr obt Servt,
Thos Hambley

Jas Hamilton Esq
Carlisle P.

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James Hamilton Esq

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