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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 Susquehannah to this place by any route above the Codoms 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 R Road 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 refutation 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 Cadoms 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 & not before?

Individual answers to these enquiries will very much oblige me & if you are not able to recollect my language upon the occasion a reference to the Gentlemen of the Committee & the signature of one or more

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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 Thorn & accept for yourself the assurance of respect & esteem

Yr Obt Sert

Tho C Hambly

Jas Hamilton Esqr
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