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Dear Sir,

Washington 12 Feb: 1831.

A friend of mine has pointed out to me what I neither should have observed nor thought of myself, that in publishing the letters from the New York Inquirer you have transposed the order of some in which they were written & omitted that portion of the letter in regard to myself which is most complimentary. I know perfectly well that this must have been accidental as I have had too many proofs of your friendship ~~to~~ to believe for a single moment that it was designed. Peck's trial & acquittal have produced considerable excitement here & every thing in regard to it is scrutinized. - I have thought proper to make these remarks, because I well know if you have done me any injustice it was wholly unintentional. I send you "the Age" a paper published in New York - by a very warm Clay man, who ^{has been for some time} is now in this City as I have heard. The sketch of Mr. West is much too highly colored by the political partiality of the writer; that of Mr. Stairs is not liable to the same objection in so great a degree. Mr. W. in my opinion ^{has} acquired no new laurels in the case of Judge Peck.

I fear the misunderstanding between the President & Vice President will end in an open rupture. Every thing has been done by mutual friends to heal the breach; but hitherto all has been in vain. The report has been again renewed, & I fear there is some

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The proceedings of the members of the Pennsylvania Legislature
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proper time & in the proper manner.

I should be glad to hear from you if you have any
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Hugh Hamilton Esq

From your friend
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