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Sancaster 18 September 1838.

My dear Sir,

I have this moment received yours of the 13<sup>th</sup> Instant via Baltimore. I had received the glorious news from Maine two or three days previous to its arrival. I congratulate you with all my heart & soul on an event which promises so much good for the Country. You have done your duty; and I feel a great degree of confidence in assuring you that we shall do ours. I venture to say there never has been such a struggle in any State of the Union, as we are now witnessing in Pennsylvania. The smoke of the battle is now clearing away & we begin to see distinctly our true position. I shall ~~not~~ put myself on record & say to you that I shall be more mistaken than I ever have been on any similar occasion if General Porter should not be elected by a considerable majority. Should Pitkin succeed a universal delusion prevails our most prudent & clear sighted friends throughout the different Counties. — I rejoice in your certain prospects of re-election to the Senate.

Ever your friend

Hon: Revul Williams.

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