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Dear William,

Enclosed I herewith(?) send you a draft for one hundred dollars, drawn by the Exchange Bank of Corcoran & Riggs, Washington in the Bank of America New York = payable to me or my order = I desire you to pay the sum of \$99.03/100, to Mr. Elias A. McFadden, that being the amount which I have collected for him as his attorney in fact, in a claim which he held against the Government of the united states, for a horse lost, in the Florida Campaign, - you will please take his receipt for this payment and let it be in the words following ? – “Received of John H. Lumpkin of Rome Georgia, by the hands of Wm [William] Crutchfield the sum of ninety nine dollars and three cents, in payment for the amount collected by him in a claim in my favor against the Government of the united states, for a horse lost, in the military service of the united states in the Florida Campaign of 1837 & 38 = dated this day of May 1846” – I have not returned any of the amount collected for my services as his attorney, nor do I charge him anything – I have collected thousands of dollars for these soldiers since I have been here at Washington, and I have never thought of charging them for such service = I have written to him that I would send the money to you for him, and he will no doubt call on you for it shortly = This leaves me in the enjoyment of Excellent health – In fact I never have felt better in all my life = I have comfortable airy quarters, and am in a pleasant family and I have ample time to attend to my important publick duties = I received a letter from your sister dated the 21st of April, they were all in good health then, except your mother who at that time had an attack of sick head ache = ? Charles? Lysle? has returned to Athens, with his diploma, and is now prepared to attend to all calls made on him in the line of his profession = he has made an application to go

into the navy as an assistant surgeon, but I fear that his lameness? will be an objection to his success there, inasmuch as no person with any phisical defect can receive such an appointment = I am anxious to see him settled in business with a prospect of success = He can succeed if he will, he has capacity enough and success is within his ?, but I fear that he is wanting in ? of purpose = I hope I may be mistaken in this, this is the risk? in which I have had my fears he would be wrecked = Congress has at last disposed of the great question of notice, and are now busily engaged in attending to such measures as are ordinarily considered and passed for the benefit of the country – the Tariff will be the next great question that will be up for consideration in the House = I hope that we shall do something in this subject to answer the expectations of the Southern section of the country of all parties = The prospect of a war in England is now looked upon here as very remote, and as for war with Mexico, She scarcely ? the name of an organized community and would not make such insulting boasts, but that she presumes open? the magnamity and generosity of a great nation = she no doubt has been presented to her present unfriendly ? by our enemies in the old world = But I cannot believe that she will ? nomore than make a show of fight? in the distance = Give my best respects to your father if he is still there and be assured of my continued esteem and friendship for you – I shall be glad to hear from you as all times, I cannot tell when Congress will adjourn, I fear the session will be much longer than usual. I would be glad if I could leave here to see my family tomorrow =

Your Brother in law,

John H. Lumpkin