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Dear William

I was much pleased to receive your communication of the 8th instant, and delighted to hear that you was so much pleased with my horse, = you are right, he ought never to be sold, unless it is for a sound price and that in cash – there are few such horses. I am satisfied I never found such a one before, and I was not believe that I shall ever own such another. I consider him the very best saddle horse I ever saw, and with a good driver who understands such temper on a disposition(?) he is altogether safe in harness, but I most guard you against permitting any one to use him in harness so long as he (???) my property, for a little awkwardness or careless, would (???) rein him forever= We have latness(?) up(?) in the House of representatives the constitution of the State of Texas, and have passed resolution though the House to admit her as a new state with the union, upon equal footing with the old States of the confederacy = And when the Senate convenes, as they will shortly, this State will be represented in two months in both branches of our national Congress = Mexico is now understood to be pacified, and disposed(?) to meat with the government of the united States concerning the boundary line, and Mr. Shidde(?) a member of the last(?) Congress, has been (???) as (???) (???) to Mexico, to carry on a negotiation for that purpose – and it is understood here that he has been instructed to trade(?) for California, in this settlement = If this should be accomplished, we shall be prepared for war from European independence on this continent, and I would my self be willing to see a large amount given for this new (???) , to free us from their presence and (???)= In the Senate some omitted(?)discussion assured, on resolutions introduced by General Cass., of Michigan, insisting(?) a committee to inquire as to the condition of our nation al defense= The negotiation here to(?) (???) pending concerning the North Western Boundry, has been suspended, and many who are well informed seem to think that there is a prospect of a war between this country and Great Britain concerning the virgin Territory= But I think that the prospect of a war is not immediate, and I hope that their may be a war hereafter between us for this or any other cause, - But the grasping ambition of England, and her extensive military preparations, and our existing relations with that country, at least admonishes(?) a faithful representative, to (???) the country in the best (???) State of defense, and if (???)(???) in the whole armor of war, = In time of peace,

prepare for war, was the Sentiment of the Father of this country, George Washington, and we shall best maintain and perpetuate our liberty, and independence by following his service--

The native American party, six in number in the House of Representatives, who represent a portion of the two large (???) of Philadelphia and New York, have take up the naturalization laws, and have done much in the house for a day or two past to get up an excitement on this question= But this like(?) the (???) Masonic and Abolition Factions, is doomed to defeat and overthrow in this country, now + hereafter – This leaves me in good health I have not heard from your sister or any of the family save yourself since I left home the 9th of Nov., this is too bad =

Write as often as your convenience will(?) allow=

Your Brother

John Lumpkin