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Dear Sir,

I rec^d your letter a few days ago, and was gratified to learn that it was probable that congress would make no material alterations in the Tariff laws. From the short but luminous report of Mr. Mallory, which you had the kindness to furnish me, I think that it is clear that the wisdom of congress would be best and most beneficially exerted in forbearing to act at all on the subject. It is certain that nothing would give more stability to our manufactures than an unwavering determination on the part of the Gen^l Government to sustain them.

We are making efforts here to do something ourselves to commence a system of Internal improvement. I trust in Providence that we shall be able to make a commencement but I consider it very doubtful.

The raising the revenue, the withdrawal of the (can't read) of the Commonwealth bank and the road bill are the principal subjects before us. We have incorporated a private company to make a McAdams road between this place and Lexington. But the people of Lexington seem determined also on an enterprize of much greater boldness and certainly if accomplished of much more utility to the country. It is contemplated to make a rail road from Lexington to the Ohio river, and a charter is now asked for that purpose, without designating the point. There is almost a mania upon the subject in this region of the country. I am informed upon authority which I cannot doubt, that 270.000 dollars are already subscribed in Lexington.

We have had some pretty warm speeches on the preamble and resolutions from committee on internal improvement, in

answer to the resolutions of South Carolina on the Tariff H
- Clay's name was introduced and a belief expressed of his
[illegible word] integrity and patriotism. The motion was
made to strike out all the paragraph relating to him. All
his friends of course voted against striking out, and
several of the more liberal Jackson men also. You may rely
upon it, that public opinion is every where settling down
in the conviction of the innocence and purity of that
cruelly persecuted man. Col. Tibbatts in the most manly
and magnanimous manner declared that he never had believed
the charge of corruption and altho a Jackson man, he felt
proud of being the fellow citizen of such a man as Henry
Clay. If I am not mistaken, you never believed in the
charges made against him for electioneering purposes. I
think the appointment of Baldwin will give very general
satisfaction in Ky - and it is certainly true that no
appointment which could have been made, would have given
more universal dissatisfaction that that of Col. A. Butler.

We expect to adjourn on 29th Inst. It will at all times
give me pleasure to hear from you.

I remain with great respect

Your Obt. Servt Cha^s. S Morehead