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Raleigh March 2^d 1825

My dear Hugo

We are so far progressed on our way to you when amidst the kindness which it is our happy lot to enjoy, we anticipate a consolation to our late sorrows by mingling them with those in which we have more deeply participated. Mr. Hayne Hamilton and Justice have joined me to inform you of our line of route. posted as I have seen between the Anniversary of Washington's Birth Day and that of Sumner's which from the more bound to attend as the Compliments paid to me is in my person conferred upon the Revolutionary Army. I had no other way to visit the Southern and Western States, due to make it a very rapid tour. Conjunctions may be anticipated, and actual calculations show that unless I gain a few days it will become impossible to comply with the invitation of the Assembly and Executive of the State of New York to return along the Canal to Albany and through Vermont to Boston, a part of the Country. Which the Obligation to embark for France some what sooner than we had intended would other wise render it very difficult to visit. Under those Circumstances I write to the Intendant of Camden that we expect to be there on the 7th instead of the 8th and will be ready to attend his Arrangement on the 8th Evening however that if they had been fixed for the 9th so as to make the Alternation inconvenient to the Citizens of Camden or the persons who are to be present I shall conform to His wishes. The same Observations I will make to you, my dear friend; it has been calculated we should be at Charleston the 13th or Savannah the 18th. But if by a better calculation of the Route, or Allocation of the March you may forward us so as to make it possible to take our tour from Pittsburg to Albany, it will enable me to perform a very pleasant and almost indispensable piece of Duty which, if remaining

to be done would leave me with a remorse or greatly retard our reunion with the bro-
therly family which the loss of dear mother & father has more justly desolated. Remember
me to my old friends & friends if you are with them. Most affectionately
Your friend
Lafayette

My companions beg to be remembered to you