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Washington March 6. 1834

My D. Sir

Your communications & Mr. Grobeck's have been all received & their contents noted & attended to, your business arranged so soon as it was practicable - To be brief, the note is discounted as of the 4th. Inst. : your draft accepted &c. : the balance, of course, to the credit as directed. - If you draw on me again, please to let it be on me as President of Bk. of Metropolis. -

Being in distress at this moment I meant to postpone to a future opportunity the reason why your business was not sooner attended to, or rather accomplished; ~~but~~ but I will say a word or two. - Immediately after you left this place, or soon after, a run commenced upon us & has, until very recently, been continued without interruption, by the Bk. of U. S. - We have, in consequence, been compelled to curtail a large amount, instead of extending our accommodations or discounts. - We have been made the special object against which all the artillery of the Bank & Opposition has been directed, until recently; when, having failed in their favourite project of producing some terrible explosion at the very seat of the Government, to aid them in their desperate campaign, they appear to have given the thing up "for a bad job". - In fact they have done their worst, and their strength I suspect is fast exhausting. - Instead of from 40 & 50, to 90 odd, thousand dollars (bal.) which they had against us, weekly, for a succession of weeks, we now nearly balance them with their own paper. - They had the advantage over us (among other things) of experience; but I think we shall presently outtake them in that respect. -

Be so kind as to make my best respects to J. H. Grosbeck Esq.
and assure him I shall write him very soon -

In addition to what I stated above, as to Bank matters, by way of
reason for the delay of your business, I should add that nearly a
month ago I left home for Phil^a, for a short time, but was de-
tained there at Baltimore much longer, and immediately after
my return I was seized by the Gout & have been cruelly confined by
it ever since to my bed chamber. - A day or two ago, in an interval
of relaxation I had myself carried to the City, & arranged your business. -

Let W. G. know these things, by way of explanation, as well
as yourself, if you please; Believe me

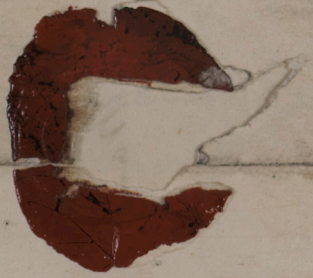
Yours with great res-
pect & regard

John P. Van Ness

W. Moses Dawson

Genl Van Noe
March 6th 1834

Moses Dunton



Cashier Bank of the Metropolis Washington City pay
to General Vermont thirty one dollars and charge
to account of Thomas Dawson

Cincinnati 13th July 1834

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