Abraham G. Lansing to Abraham Yates, Jr., 2 March 1788 (excerpt)

Inclosed is Copy of a Letter sent by this Stage to New York.—Our Friends here are so ex[as]perated against Webster, and under such apprehension that he will deceive us when his services should be most wanted, that every Argument my Brother and myself could advance it was determined to renew the attempt to procure a printer.—his honor Judge Yates having suggested when here that, a printer could be had on application, this Copy is sent you to be shewn to him—and to other Gentlemen in sentiment with us.—in order that you may procure Subscriptions for the paper—or such other aid as the Gentlemen may judge expedient to afford for the accomplishment of our wishes.—it may perhaps be of Advantage to send a Letter from Poughkepsie on the Subject.—in my Subscription—and Offers I have held out that whatever pecuniary Aid was granted by me should be considered—as & for your and my proportion.—I have subscribed for 6 Setts of papers.—If you think proper you make any additions for the Encouragement of the Business—Peter & my Brother have subscribed for a like Number each.—I mention this for your Information....

The inclosed papers contain a Card of my Brother and Metcalfe's answer in yesterdays Journal—My Brother has told me that he purposed, to write to the judge—to request him to apply to the Poughkepsie Printer for the Author of the Publication against him and the judge—

I am yours affectionately ...

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