

Lewington July 28. 1834

Mr St Blay Jr

Dear Sir

The Undersigned take this occasion to thank you for your compliance with the request communicated by their Chairman, under date the 19th Inst. that you would deliver an oration upon the occasion of the funeral honors to be paid Genl La Fayette upon the 26th Inst.

They feared that the short time allotted by their notice to prepare for that very interesting, but very responsible duty, might induce you to decline its performance, but they were highly gratified to receive from you a prompt acquiescence with their wishes.

Their pleasure was not a little increased when they witnessed the manner in which that duty was discharged by you - To find that the character of the good man, whom so many thousands had met to honor upon that day, was so brilliant, and justly delineated, and the effects of his love of liberty and constitutional government upon the human race, so graphically and eloquently presented, added greatly to the obligations, under which they were previously placed.

The Undersigned but express the wishes of those they represent, and of the vast multitude assembled upon