

Washn. 22^d Feb. 1840

My Dear Son

I rec^d. your letter of the 13th inst. and was happy to hear that your eye was getting much better. Thomas had informed me of your affliction, which gave me great concern.

I am surprised and concerned at the rigorous course pursued towards you by the Northern Bank. Considering that it does not pay its own debts, it should not be so decided in enforcing payment from others, especially when, as in this case, they have a perfect security. If you should be disappointed in negotiating the loan, which you were attempting, and the Bank will not continue the loan until my return, I see no alternative but for you to let it bring suit. When I get home, perhaps, we together may be able to devise some way of meeting it.

I wish you would pay some little attention to the Sacks being put in order. I have had an application for one or two of them, altho' I do not know that any thing will come out of it. I wish however to be prepared to take advantage of it. In the mean time if you can sell either do so.

Your mother has several times expressed a wish that I would let you have Major. He is old, slow, but I believe honest & faithful. If you can make any use of him, send for him. He may serve as a sort of Watch dog.

The Harrisburg nomination takes better, far better, way where than I anticipated. The first feelings of disappointment give way to acquiescence and a determination to support it. There a strong conviction prevails among the Whigs that he will be elected; and some of the administration men begin to apprehend it. That party is getting in a bad way both in Penn^a. & Ohio. It is cut up into divisions about the Banks.

I have rec^d. a letter from Genl Harrison in which he
expresses