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John Hamilton to <sup>A</sup>?, Annapolis, 23 December 1787<sup>1</sup>

Yours of the 5th October got to Hand about the 1st.

Instt., I was very anxious to send an Answer before this but I cou'd not get an Answer from Mr. White respecting your settlement, he is now in Baltimore & shall let you hear from me about this business as soon as he returns

I do assure you that neither Time distance or place Can efface the remembrance of the many favours I received from you when in So. Carolina, but if I remember right, you promised when I took leave of you in this Town that you wou'd write to me on your arrival in Chas. Town, as this has never been done, who has the best reason to Complain?--

I came down here last Meeting of the Cincinnati (which was the 18th. Octr.)--and from a variety of reasons have continued ever since, However expect to go back to Cecil

in the Course of a Month, I have not been able to settle my Affairs there, and am afraid I never shall in any other method than by an application to the Chancellor, which I am determined on making early in the Spring, as soon as I can get my affairs in proper Order---this Step tho' it clears me of all old incumbrances Yet it leaves me to begin the World anew and at an advanced period of life, I see no prospect of entering into any kind of business with the least probability of Success here, therefore have some thoughts of trying my fortune to the southward--if you Choose to throw a few thousands into trade & wou'd trust a man who has little else to recommend him, than a determined resolution to pay the strictest attention to his business, and By the most scrupulous Integrity to Act uprightly & Honestly in all his dealings--if these qualifications alone will entitle me to your notice,

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I hope my Behaviour will give you no reason, Ever to repent  
of the confidence you placed in me. I have few friends  
either able or willing to do much for me, & must try other  
Climets & friends--An Answer by the first opportunity wou'd  
oblige me very much--Our Assembly have lately Adjourned  
without doing any business of consequence, except the recom-  
mending to the people of the state the Chusing a Convention  
to consider on the new Constitution as recommended by the  
foed'ral Convention Chase, Seney the <sup>Bowles (?)</sup> Bower's & some other  
Characters of no great note are opposed to it, but I hope  
the Good Sense of the State will counterballance such interested  
shallow Politicians--Give my sincere respects to Mrs. Gist,  
Colo. & Mrs. Beekman & all friends And am with the greatest  
esteem

[P.S.] Please keep this to yourself, as I wou'd not wish  
to have it known my Circumstances I meant.

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