Lex. 18. March 1825.

Dear Sir.

As Gen. La Fayette is expected to be in Kentucky about the latter end of June, or the beginning of July, I have again been requested by the Militia of Lexington to write to you on the subject I addressed you some time ago relative to this matter, and have received no answer. You will excuse me for troubling you upon this head, as it excites very general interest in this country. Will you have the kindness to drop me a line, and inform me whether it will be agreeable to you to engage the Fayette Hussars as an escort for the General, and what arrangements you design making on the occasion.

With the highest esteem & respect,

I remain

Your Sincere Friend

Thomas H. Hickey.

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Thos. M. Nicky
18 Mar. 1825

Lafayette

Col. Wm Nicky

His Excellency

Joseph Desha.

Governor of Kentucky

Frankfort.

Lexington 21st March 1825

Dr Sir.

The citizens of Lexington have received intelli-
gence that Gen. La Fayette intends shortly to visit
Kentucky, and that he will be in Lexington about
the 23d of April next. The trustees of Lexington
have had the subject under consideration, and
in accordance with public sentiment, they are an-
:ious, on behalf of the citizens, to give to the Gener-
al a suitable reception. The trustees are aware
that the General Assembly at their last session
passed an act authorising you as the Governor
of the State to make arrangements for the recep
tion and entertainment of the General, as the guest
of the people of Kentucky, and they are desirous
to know what measures your excellency intends
to take for the purpose, in order that they may act
in unison with you, and not interfere with
your views. We have the most entire confidence
in your judgement upon this subject, but we
are requested by the board of trustees to suggest to
you that it would be very agreeable and desi
:rable to them, as the citizens of this town and county

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that Gen. La Fayette should be received and entertained by the State authorities at Lexington. As a reason why this course should be adopted we would mention that this county was named in honor of La Fayette — that this is the most populous town of Kentucky — that here is the University, Lunatic Asylum &c — and that the military corps of this town & county are well organized, disciplined and equipped.

Whatever may be the decision of your excellency in this case, we request that you will communicate it to us as early as convenient, that we may inform the board of trustees, who have appointed us a committee to correspond with you relative this matter.

We take this opportunity of expressing to you our personal regard & friendship

— F. B. Hickey.

John M. McCalla

J. M. Hickey & J. M. McCalla
21 Mar. 1825

Lafayette

Gen. J. M. McCalla acc.
Col. J. M. Hickey
Rec.d 29th March

His Excels
Jos. Desha
Gov. of Ky
Frankfort

Pay Dry
Mr. J. Tonke

Secretary's Office
March 30. 1835

Dr Sir:

At their last session, the Legislature of this State authorised the Governor to appoint some person as Surveyor to run and mark a line of latitude 36° 30' north, between this State and Tennessee, from the Tennessee River to the summit of the Cumberland mountain, but made no appropriation for paying the person employed, nor provision giving money in advance from the treasury to pay expenses. — Mr. Matthews of the University was on Sth Jam. appointed but declined acting, stating as his reasons that he had not the necessary instruments which should, to survey the line with accuracy, be uncommonly excellent & that he was unable himself to advance money to purchase them, and to defray the expenditures of the trip.

Some weeks since, it was proffered to Robt. Alexander esq. who also declined acceptance for the same reasons, except that he has instruments that would answer.

The eminent reputation you have as a skilful surveyor ~~next~~ Gen. drawn the atten-

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tion of the Governor who has instructed me to desire your acceptance of this appointment; In tendering it I should perhaps state that the service will have to be performed before the next session of the Legislature, that the compensation of the Surveyor is not fixed, that money cannot be advanced by the State to pay expenses, and that from the nature of the line, being one of true latitude, the ordinary instruments, for surveying perhaps will not do

Should you accept and not possess the requisite instruments, they could be obtained from Robt. Alexander esq. who I believe has them, or from some one else, or if they should prefer it some understanding might be made by which they could go with you in charge of the instruments themselves.

Your answer is requested as soon as convenience will permit.

I am &c

P. S. Laughborough
Asst. Secy.

Wm Steele esq.

Letter to Wm. Steele

1825

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