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His Excelly R. P. Letcher

Frankfort

Georgetown 17 Oct 1840

Dear Sir.

Enclosed please find letter of A. Moore Esq which will explain itself. I should be pleased that our whig friends in Harrison could have the use of the cannon spoken of. Will you have the goodness to inform Mr. Moore at Cynthiana, whether they can get the cannon or not?

We have news this morning from Ohio which renders Corwin's election certain by at least 15.000, probably 20.000. So far three members of Congress have been gained and there is no doubt of a majority of the Legislature. Laus Deo.

yours truly
M. V. Thomson

His Excellcy R. P. Letcher
Frankfort

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Virgil M. Knight
To Gov
October 24th 1840

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To his Excellency

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To His Excellency.
R. P. Letcher
Frankfort.

Bank of Kentucky
October. 24th 1840

Dear Sir.

When I had the pleasure of seeing you on the 13th instant I mentioned the debt due this Bank for advances made on internal Improvement Bonds would have to be paid to enable this institution to resume the payments of Specie in January, or at an earlier day if other Banks now suspended east, and in neighbouring States should do so.

Information received here to day leaves no doubt of the intention of the Banks in Phila. to resume on, or before, the 15th of Jany next - and the importance and necessity for the Banks in Kentucky to be in readiness to act promptly in the case will be duly appreciated by your Excellency, and as you mentioned having ordered the printing of some state Bonds at 30 years, with the interest of 6 per cent payable semiannually in New York - designed for the payment of debts due the Banks. I would be obliged if you would write me on what terms and stipulations you would give us the Bonds, and on what day they could be delivered, that I may present the subject to the directors of this bank. as I may have to go east in 6 or 8 days your early reply is desired if it would be deemed more advisable to give us the bonds to be sold for state account you can make a proposition also with that object -

Very respectfully Your Obt. Servt.
Virgil McKnight.
Pres.

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Jno Tilford
To Gov

October 28th 1840.

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His Excellency
H. P. Letcher
Frankfort
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Northern Bank of Kentucky
Lexington, Oct. 28. 1840.

Dear Sir,

The Directors of this Bank at their meeting on yesterday afternoon, went into the consideration of the state of the Institution in reference to the resumption of Specie payments, an event which is now considered as certain within the next 90 days, and have come to the conclusion that to meet the demands which may then, and probably will be made on the Bank, it is necessary to make available the debt due from the state, & therefore unanimously adopted the Preamble & Resolution which accompanies this letter, which I am directed to communicate to you, and respectfully to ask to be furnished as soon as your convenience will permit, with the State six per cent Bonds, as provided for in the contracts on the subject, with your predecessors Gov. Clark & Lieut Gov. Wickliffe.

I am sir, with great regard,
Your Obt. servt.
W Tilford
Pres

His Excellency
R. P. Letcher

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Virgil McKnight
To Gov

Oct 29th 1840

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To his Excellency.
R. P. Letcher
Frankfort.
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To His Excellency
R. P. Letcher

Bank of Kentucky
Oct. 29. 1840

I am in receipt of your esteemed favour of the 27. inst. which I presented to the consideration of the Directors of this Bank to day, and am authorised to say in reply that payment for the Internal Improvement Bonds amounting to $180 m held by this Bank will be received in the Bonds of the State of Kentucky at 30 Years, with interest at 6 per cent per annum payable Semi Annually in New York

We would be glad to make the condition referd to by you, to refund what may be realized above par, if accompanied with a proviso that we should be indemnified for any loss and expense incured in their disposition, without this branch of an equitable condition it would be objectionable, and as I conceive unnecessary, as you are aware it is not speculation, but the want of the funds, which alone induces the proposition to take the bonds at par,

It would afford me much pleasure to meet you and Maj. Tilford, but I cannot with convenience do so-

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt.

Virgil M Knight,
Pres

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