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John C. Wynkoop To Peter Van Schaack Kingston, February 23, 1792

My head is so crammed with political, moral and electioneering stuff, that I can neither write grammatically nor intelligibly, without much Repetition and Tautology. Your and, let me add, my Friend Mr. Jay, who is proposed as the illustrious opponent to Gov. Clinton at the next Election, will, I fear, not have many Votes from the *Dutch Inhabitants* in *this* County. A great majority of these possess *many slaves*, and as Mr. Jay, is President of the society for the abolition of slavery, they will probably vote against him for that reason alone. The Justice and Propriety of his sentiments on this important subject, which is founded on the eternal Law of Nature and Nature's God, and which affects the Freedom and of Course the Happiness of thousands of our fellow Creatures, differing from ourselves only in *complexion*, have no *Weight* in the minds of men, many of whom are rich in property of this Kind (if it deserves the Name of property) and which being darkened and jaundiced by the delusive tho' too powerful and condensed Claim of self-interest, cannot, as yet, admit the *Rays of Truth* This is a long sentence, but in my mind, a serious one.

You will therefore in your calculation of electioneering success, set down this County as *against* you. . . .

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