

Columbus Decr 23. 1818 -

Dear Sir

Mr. Stapp has this day been with to see about the half section of land, he is yet willing to give you dollars he will pay five hundred dollars in hand and the balance in two annual payments from this time, and he will take on himself the payments in the office

I do not expect he will give more he left the three hundred dollars with me & said he would return in three weeks and would bring the balance two hundred

I told him by that time I could give him a final answer - The Senate yesterday passed a resolution for calling a convention twenty voting for it and eight against it - The resolution has not yet been taken up in the house I have not much doubt but what it will pass, the Convention requiring two thirds of each branch to concur - John Rowan of Kentucky & Jacob Burnett Esquire are here at this time wishing to get a law passed connecting the waters of Lake Erie with Ohio by way of a canal

They are concerned in the Iron at Lower Sandusky  
and its probable that will be the point at which  
it will commence but that is kept out of view  
or must as possible - I am not able to say whether  
the law will pass or not and if it does whether  
the work will be commenced now they say it will  
of course - We had not passed any general laws  
or yet, the revenue law is now before the house but  
I think it doubtful whether it will pass one of its  
features is to do away the office of non-resident  
collectors, and make it the duty of the non-residents  
to pay their tax at the seat of Government &

Mr. Hoge has got a son & is well & the rest  
of the family - Write me soon

your friend

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