

Peter Clark
James Monroe
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Mr James Monroe Junior
No 55 Broad Way
New York

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Utica, April 16, 1823

Dear Sir, I arrived here this morning from Albany
virtually packed: the roads at this season of the year in this
section of country being for the most part cut up
from the foundation. ^{longer than I intended}
I waited in Albany at the request of a friend of
Mr Abel who expected his return to that city in a
few days. Mr Abel however did not come, and
I determined to go in pursuit. I understood he
was at the village of Arkimer. My accident at
Little Falls I made inquiry after him and by good
luck met with his correspondent a Mr. Otis, I
presume a lawyer. He informed me that he was
out upon some of these lands, making observations
^{see}, intimating that the long neglect of these lands
and the length of the possession of the tenants furnished
but a sad prospect of success. I was prepared for this
and merely requested him to write to Mr Abel
urging his return to the Little Falls, & stating to
him that I was here on the subject of these lands.
I thence came on to this Western Emporium to
stay a few days while this negotiation was going on.

It is important that I should see Mr Abel, for
however little confidence those who know him
best may repose in him, some of the heirs of this
estate have thought him worthy of their, and I ^{do}
do not wish to run counter in this business to

any arrangements that may have been entered into
or concluded by him; besides I am told he has a
number of original and other papers which I ought
to see; and to all this add the ill will and con-
fusion that would attend my acting an indefin-
ite part in this matter, which by the by I
really wish to do - I am sorry the old gentleman
is so difficult to be found, and yet I feel satisfied
with the result of my investigations of the general
titles to landed estates in the great state of New York
which may enable me to make a sound application of
settled principles to the old gentleman's facts, if their
truth may be relied upon -

My compliments to the ladies, and believe with
great respect your obt. servt.

Wm James Monroe Junr. Peter Hallack

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Hallack
to Mr. James Monroe Junr.
New York

