

[Joseph Gales Jr.] to MVB, 11 November 1824

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Dear Sir:

I came up here on business a few days ago, and have been detained here this long by my engagements. I had determined not to write a line to Albany during my sojourn; & am induced to change that determination only by having heard that I am quoted here, & perhaps may be at Albany, as authority for unfavorable reports of Mr Crawford's health. I think it proper to say that any such statement on that subject as varies from the news statements of the National Intelligencer, and those which I have heretofore made to you, is a gross misrepresentation and an unworthy attempt at deception. I trust I shall yet see Mr. Crawford President of the United States, & I should despise myself if I could express that wish (wrongly, as I think) where they had no electoral ticket of their own. Gen. J has also got New-Jersey. Mr. Clay, ^I think, ^ from what I see, has received the vote of Ohio: but, without your aid, he cannot get into the House. You know in that case what would probably be the vote of Gen. Jackson ^of the whole of Ohio.^ In North Carolina I have strong confidence ^of our success,^ and nothing but the divisions with you justify a doubt of the final result of this contest.

Whatever may happen with you, it is very well understood that, through the whole of this <illegible> trying crisis, you have been almost the only firm, steady, & consistent, and cool man at Albany. I wish I could say as much for the discretion of some others.

I propose tomorrow to set my face homewards.

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