

MVB to [Samuel] Smith, 13 July 1824

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My dear Sir,

I thank you sincerely for your last & will be very happy to hear from you after. Your situation enables you to give me information from time which may be important to us. I feel a delicacy in speaking of the probable proceedings of our Legislature for reasons which you will understand. Our friends need not fear us. The Govrs. proclamation has served in an eminent degree ^to unite Republicans^. They look upon it as it was designed as an attempt to destroy the party. The Edwards business has a wonderful effect in making Mr Crawford popular with the people of the State—so much so that all admit that with them he is rapidly gaining ground here. So that if Nyork can save the Republic the Republic must not be disposed of. Shew this to my friends Goodwin & Hughes and make my best respects to Mrs. S. & Miss Spear & to those gentlemen.

Yours very sincerely

M.V.Buren

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