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My dear Sir,

Yours of the 29th Ultimo has been recd. and the explanation, with regard to the article referred to in my letter to you, is entirely satisfactory to your friends here and elsewhere. As it regarded myself, no explanation was necessary, for I knew you had never published the article, editorially, which had been ascribed to you, and so stated to our friends— it was directly opposed to your declarations to me.

I took the liberty to speak to Mr. Blair in relation to the other matter of which you complain, and of which I told Blair I thought you had some reason to complain. His explanation, satisfied me that his neglect to notice the [Advertiser], was not owing to any want of kindness or good feeling on his part. He says that his editorial duties are so arduous ~~that~~ it is impossible for him to attend to the selections for his paper — that is confided to another who perhaps is not aware of the importance of making judicious

selections from ~~the~~ true and [genuine] Jackson papers. I will do Mr. Blair the justice, however, to say that he declared, unhesitatingly, that there was no editor, or man, in the Western County who, in his opinion, was a truer or more [sincere] friend to the President & his Administration than yourself. In that respect he placed you at the very head of the Jackson editorial corps of Ohio. Blair is a good fellow— a man of fine talents— excellent judgment (~~few in this respect~~ equal to him)— has much to do— and does a great deal for one of his weakly constitution. It is impossible that a paper like the Globe can get along with one Editor; this Mr. Blair sees & feels, but he has not been able, from his heretofore, and present, scanty means to engage assistants. He however, looks forward to a better state of things, when he shall be able to do justice to his paper as the [organ] of the Administration, and to give satisfaction to his friends generally.

Permit me to conclude by [assuring] you that no friend of the President stands higher in the confidence of himself and friends here than you do.

I took the liberty to show your letter

to Mr. Van Buren, who is here, and he expressed himself much pleased at its frank and manly tone — I hope I have not done wrong in confiding it to his perusal.

The President is still feeble, but is improving in health. He has some thought of going down to the Rip Raps, in a few days, where he will remain some time. By living retired, and bathing in the sea, it is thought he will be strengthened and benefitted, as has always been the case, when he has heretofore visited that place.

In haste
your friend
W B Lewis

To,
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Cincinnati

{Major Lewis}
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