

Castle Hill, Va., Feb. 15th '36.

Gentlemen,

I have had the honour to receive the invitation you have been pleased to address to me, to attend a public dinner proposed to be given by the Friends of Free principles in the 1st Congressional District of Ohio on the 4th day of March next, to manifest their joy at the deliverance of the country from an odious & mischievous Monopoly, whose chartre from the United States expires on that day.—

Nothing could be a more fit subject of rejoicing to those who cherish the Republican principles of our Institutions, than the final extirpation of a daring monopoly, whose ever active spirit of intrigue & corruption still threatens the country, I am sorry to add, with its dangerous domination under one form or another. Participating thoroughly in your sentiments on this subject, & appreciating, with proper sensibility, the flattering terms of your invitation, it would give me great pleasure, gentlemen, to unite with you

in your proposed celebration. But the dis-
-tance of my residence & the inclemency of the
season putting this out of my power, I can only
offer you, with the subjoined sentiment suggested
by the occasion, the assurances of the sincere
respect & esteem with which I am your
friend & fellow-citizen
W C Rives.

[Messrs.] M. Dawson, Chairman,
E. S. Haines
W. L. Hatch
L. Day
J. B. Warren
C. R. Ramsay
Pulaski Smith
Wm. Parry—

The Danger not over- Perpetual vigilance the price
of Republican freedom.—

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[Guroseys Store?]
Fey 16th

Messrs. Moses Dawson, G. S. Haines,
W. L. Hatch, Lewis Day &c. &c.

Cincinnati
State of Ohio.

Via Washington

{Wm. C Rives}