

Richmond, Aug. 5, 1836.

William Scott Esq.

My Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of yours of the 28th inst. and have perused it with much pleasure.

Your paper of the 29th has not yet come to hand. I however have borrowed as copy, from Mr. Rogers. Your notices of the "Wasp" is well and judiciously written. Your exordium is beautiful. If any thing I should say you that you have perused the July No. far above its deserts. Still if you spoke as you thought of it, it was one I ought not to quarrel. I suspect your "candid" opinion — and you doubtless gave it. I am grateful to you for having done so.

I have done a great deal of sickness in my office, among my best hands, ever since the 4th July. This has thrown me all in the back ground again — and will prevent me from bringing out the July No. earlier than the 25th. Nevertheless, I will on next Thursday send you as many loose sheets of it as I may have ready — and you may go to work on it in regular order (taking care to let no one else see the sheet) — cutting up every thing that may in your opinion merit such treatment — and on the other hand saying no good words in favor of all the articles which may merit censure. Your plea is all I ask, — and, from your candid way of speaking, I am sure I shall that, at your hands.

You say, if your name makes gainfully of any service to me in your City, you would cheerfully do so. I do not know precisely what to say on this head.

"appears, having, you call on W. W. Swindell, who pro-
poses to act as my agent in New York — and believe
some connection with him on the subject. It
would be particularly gratifying to me, just now,
as it always at my other times to receive about
100 paying subscribers from New York. The profit I have
made with the Messenger has been a total one —
and it will require the 2000 you speak of to bring
me into shape again as the Doct. stands.

I regularly mail the Messenger to your
office — the Doct. No. was directed by myself. I also
sent you a paper No. of the Doct. This evening
I shall send you a duplicate of the same;
forwarding you at the same time all the No.
as far as purchase of the Doct. No. for your own
use. I shall likewise return your name as a
paid subscriber — and will, if possible, purchase
you a copy of the 1st volume so soon as I can
hear of one for sale. — For all of which I
positively refuse to receive one cent in
return. — Your labor — your time — is
mine — and I will not have the use of it
without giving you some recompense — and if
it is in strictness of my really unpretending pa-
triotism.

When you can find time, I hope you
will carry out your intention — and add to
the variety of my columns. I am very certain that
any thing you may attempt will be received
by us — and by the public also with favor.

Your opinion of the "Mirror" is not an
uncommon one. I own by the samples that the edition
of a Holiday paper looks well you also.

Respectfully,
D. W. White.

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