

the assembly in the same manner,
the inhabitants of this country
own it, & that success may
attend the plan in every stage
of it.

I am my dear friend
with unalterable respect
& affection your friend
& to serve!

Henry D. Hall

Nov. 8. 1781

Gen. Way Livingston

(No. 24)

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My dear Gen. Alexander Nov. 18th 78.

I did myself the pleasure of writing
to you on the 15th since which the
meeting have concluded their business.
They determined to send the petition
to the representatives of this country,
believing, & to trouble you with their
bill for perusal, & then to place
the paper hands. However the ex-
press who will deliver this is
sent purposely by the meeting with
our paper, & will bear a letter to
you from the chairman. Thus you
will receive the matter fully
explained. This would have super-
ceded the necessity of any commu-
nication from me, did I not

think it proper to suggest to you
two changes in the bill which ap-
pear to many, unpardonable ob-
jections - if they strike you so, it
would be well to communicate
them, so that they may be altered.

The one is, the taxing the company
with recompensing individuals for
all new damages which may arise
from or by means of the canal locks
&c. - the 2^d is the authorizing the
company to purchase & erect mill covers & original
feats water works &c. - the first of
these will prevent subscriptions -
the 2^d permits monopoly, which is

detracting - as the bills are in the
first of the ^{bills} decided to be adequate
compensation for the expense of in-
accomplishing the object, it ap-
pears unnecessary to pray the ad-
dition of extra privileges -
However the changes will speak
for themselves.

The hurry which attended
the whole business subjects the
bill to many grammatical
errors & omissions - This can
easily be amended by the gentle-
man to whom it may be en-
trusted. I hope it may strike