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entirely turned his back upon me yet I love him & his character & that of his [illegible]. How you can conceive that G. J. is a high minded honourable wise & dignified character one who fitly qualified to fill the chair of the chief Magistrate I cannot conceive, & therefore I lament daily—My respects Mrs Mangum

JOHN CHAVIS

[Addressed:] Hon. Willie P. Mangum Esq—Orange

To be left at
P. O.
Red Mountain

Oct 1st 1832.

My dear Sir/ I hasten to inform you, that Mr. John Hunt of Greenville, came to see me this morning to let me know, that the Orange Presbytary to which I belong had entered into a resolution to support me & my wife during life and had appointed a Committee to make arrangements for that purpose. I told Mr. Hunt that I was thankful & would accept of the offer; but that I was in debt, and could not go untill next fall or winter—that I thought I had a prospect of making a school for the next year which wd. be sufficient to cover all my debts provided my neighbours would patronize me as they ought to do, But should they not, I wish you to know that I will Teach for you the next year provided you can make such a school as will justify me to leave my family to take care of themselves. If you wish me to Teach for you, it wd. be well for you to try your Strength forwith & write to Roger’s store. In the meantime I shall try my strength here & should you prove the strongest party I shall certainly serve you—

You are to recollect that school must not exceed a quarter of a mile from your door & let it be less if possible & your pay-

208A John Hunt of Granville County was clerk of the House of Commons from 1778 to 1806. N. C. Manual, 453-462.
208 See above, pp. 155, 315-317.
ments must be at least half yearly The school to commence on
the first Monday in Janry.
I view this Presbyterial arrangment as a merciful providence
for which I am thankful—
My respects to Mrs. Mangum & believe me to be yours very
Sincerely

JOHN CHAVIS

P. S.
Should I teach for you I will endeavor to see you before you
go to Congress.

[Postmarked:]
Rogers Store Oct. the 5th

[Addressed:]
Hon. Willie P. Mangum
Orange
To be left at
Red Mountain P. O.

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J. W. Wright\(^{210}\) to John Scott

LAURENS Bladen County October 12th 1832

John Scott Esqr.
Dr. Sir.
I expect to start in all next month a number of Slaves,
either to Mississippi or Louisiana, to make an establishment
for my son James M Wright,\(^{211}\) who sets out on wednesday
week to select a spot for permanent residence. He has been en-
gaged here for a short time in the practice of the Law & as far
as I can judge with favourable prospects. He will pursue his
profession in one or other of those states. With Judge Mangum
our Senator I have not the pleasure of a personal acquaintance,
he is however known to me as a gentleman & a public man.
Deducing therefrom his entire capability of serving me, I ask
the favour of you to apply to him for letters in behalf of my
son James M Wright to some of his friends of Mississippi &
Louisiana. With you Sir I feel at liberty to be as frank as I am

\(^{210}\)J. W. Wright was connected with the Cape Fear Bank.
\(^{211}\)James Wright graduated at the University in 1826.