

February 23, 1841

Frammington 23rd Feb 1841

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My dear Sir

Yours of 19th is rec^d.
I regret that I have failed to be sufficiently
explicit and clear in relation to the
position taken by Judge Williams.

In answer to your question, I have
to say that Judge W. Explicitly declines
all right to interfere - but adds "If
compelled to issue a Writ, and the prisoners
should be brought before him, he should
not feel authorized to detain them
a single day." "The Marshal would
exhibit his authority for holding the
prisoners & it would be sufficient for him."

There was much conversation on
the various points & Gov Elsworth endeavored
to remove his objections, but without effect.
It did not seem, to Gov Elsworth or to
me that it would be of any avail whatever
to push forward under such circumstances.
I remain

Truly yours

John Norton

John D. Norton

From Dan Feb. 23/41

Received of Hugh Williams
50 Cents - Lehigh Valley

