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Dear Pappan Esq

Dear Sir

Mr Williams went on directly to Farmington on Wednesday so that I did not see him, but he sent me a line by J.W.H. by which I expected him or J.F.T. here on Thursday - but I have as yet seen neither of them nor heard a syllable from them & know not what to make of it. I feel very uneasy under the responsibility thus thrown upon me, especially as not having found Mr Staples, & having found Mr White unwilling to move in the business, & of the decided opinion that nothing can be done.

Thus far however nothing has been needed, as all is quiet. J.W.H. thinks the two gentlemen whom we fear, are too much concerned & anxious about getting pay for their bills & one of them to retain his office under the coming administration, to care much about anything else. These things are the subject of their frequent & earnest consultations.

Hope our fears are more than we have any grounds for. A watchman is near the spot who will give immediate notice of any movement, but what will information do, if we have nothing in our

Johnston

New Haven 5 Feb 1841

Dear Sir

William

Dear Sir

Wm. Johnston

hands to act with in case of necessity

Truly Yours

Wm. Johnston

I directed you in a former letter to

letter.

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