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Savannah
+ Macon,
Georgia

Mauch Chunk May 17th 1836

Dear Sir

I hasten to inform you that I have received an answer to the letter I wrote to Savannah the day you left here (I read it to you you will recollect) - My friend immediately on the rest of it called on the Pres.^t who informed him that it was the decided wish of the whole board that I should be employed as 1st Assistant - That Capt Pooler of Savannah has left there for the north for the purpose of employing an Engineer. - That he has been instructed to call on me at East Hartford and offer me the situation of 1st Assist.^t (having first obtained the concurrence of the Chief Eng.^r who will he says probably be Mr. Randell) - He also wishes me to see or to write to Mr. Randell on the subject - When the subject of compensation was bro't up - the Pres.^t informed him that they should calculate to pay the Principal from 4. to 5000 and 1st ass^t from 3 to 4000 \$ - He further states that many of those concerned are desirous that I should be employed as principal at once - but further observes that will hardly go down quite yet -

Now. What shall I do? Can you do any thing for me - You have already been more than a brother to me and I cannot ask you to put yourself to the least inconvenience in this matter, but you can give me your advice - Mr. Douglass leaves here some day of this week for Connecticut - I shall broach the

Subject to him before he leaves and will write to you again by him when he goes -

Rogers has made a start on the Telescope route. He appears to be a first rate fellow. I cannot form any Idea what length of time he will be in making those surveys. - probably till fall -

We are not driving the work as fast as we should like to in consequence of the scarcity of hands the contractors are all grumbling at the difficulty of getting them -

We have this day divided our parties - Lowthrop has a brother of Mr. Douglass for Rodman & Sim's area man, his sub section extends from about 2 miles above Laurel Run to Barn Door. - John takes from Barn Door down - Baldwin is with Rogers, so that Butler has only Pearson and a part of Lowthrop - and I have John and the remainder of Lowthrop - We are getting the line in a much more travelable condition than when you left - having a path made from Stony Creek to Laurel run

Knowles is well and constantly talks about you I went to the mines with him on Saturday -

I have no further news for you except that we have Lord Selkirk from Scotland here to night with his retinue - he leaves in the morning stage - has been visiting the Mines - &c -

Write me instantly when you get this for I shall be anxious to hear from you

My respects to your father & family
Yours truly LOR

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