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on to use every fair & honorable effort within
their power. Mr. Blay's own opinion is that Genl. Jack-
son will be defeated. In a few days you will hear
from the Governor's Election in N. York, Pennsylvania, &
Ohio, - If either two of these States go for Mr. Blay, he
will be elected beyond doubt.

I did not intend to make much of an effort to
obtain the appointment of carrier of the Electoral vote
until after the result of the election was known; I
thought I would not bear a good face to be soliciting
an office when it was uncertain whether the ticket
would prevail; - but I find I have lost by it; for without
the least expectation of it, I have learned that Maj.
E. J. Wilson is a candidate, & was during the session of
the Convention making all the headway imaginable -
it forthwith aroused me to action, & I shall now use
all possible diligence, & must against such formi-
dable opposition make another draw on you for
assistance, - Needs service in the Legislature, & his gener-
al acquaintance with public men, will give him a
decided advantage over me - but I will not yield
until the last - Will you therefore write immediate-
ly to E. M. Ewing, Ben Hardin & any other acquain-
tances you may have on the Electoral ticket, &
urge them to favour my claims if possible - mention
the long campaign I served during the last war at
the age of 16 - my declining in '24 when I had two
or three votes pledged, in favour of an old revolu-
tionary man by the name of Taylor, he - pay the
postage & charge it to my account. On last Satur-
day -

Fayette City, Ky. Oct. 4. 1832.

Dear William,

I addressed you a letter in reply to one
you wrote me from Fort Pike, which I presumed met
you immediately on your return home; in that I promised
to let you hear from me soon again; by Mr. Pennington
I will endeavour to save you twenty five cents, & redeem
my pledge - On the 1st inst I intended to have set
out on a long exploring tour to the West, but was
stopped by the indisposition of my son William, who
was very severely attacked with his old complaint; by very
prompt & energetic means he was considerably relieved, &
I began to conclude that I could start in a few days,
but on yesterday he was attacked with sore throat & fe-
ver, but I am much in hopes he will be relieved so -
Scarlet fever & penton sore throat is very common in
the neighborhood at present, there are perhaps 20 cases
in a mile & half of my house - a number of deaths
have recently occurred, but principally among children,

Yesterday I received a very lengthy letter from Uncle
David, they were all well, & the country remarkably
healthy, except the Cholera which was within a
few miles of him. The old man has become a good
deal tired of his blooded stock, & proposes to sell
nearly all he has, (upwards of 100 in number)
He has some stock equal to any on the continent,
which can now be obtained at moderate prices,
& perhaps reasonable credit - I saw all his stock
except his last Spring colts, & know them to be very