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Washington City Feby 4th 1834.-

Dear Sir

The deposits continue to be the en--grossing topic in both Houses of Congress. Our ma--jority in the House remains firm. An experiment was made in the house on yesterday – by the opposition and Bank men,- upon the presentation and reform of the New York memorial to ascertain their strength. Our majority as you will see, {was} was sixteen; with a full house it would have been {greater} greater. The whole sitting on yesterday was {occupied} occupied in a most in--teresting and animated debate on this subject,scarcely a skeleton of which is given in the news--papers of this morning. Mr Syth of your City participated and [illegible] in reply to B. Hardin of Ky. made a most elegant and triumphant vindication of the administration. He was listened to with profound attention [and] And all agree it was a most successful and masterly effort. He is a young man of fine promise – and has at once acquired a

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standing here, that commands the respect of all and will enable him to be eminently useful to the City and District he represents.

A hope is entertained that we may be [enabled] to take the vote in the Ho. Repr. in a day or two, though we have no certainty – that we can take it so soon.-

I am Very Respectfully Yr obt. Svt-James K Polk

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{Jas K Polk} {Feb/34} {[Tur?] rule, Insert "D"} Moses Dawson Esqr. Cincinnatti

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