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Letter from Abm P. Sherrill to Major Felix Dominy, 1834.

[s.l.]: [s.n.], 1834-09-10

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Smithtown Sept 10th 1834

Dear Sir, When we parted last you mentioned that it had been suggested to you that an arrangement might be made whereby Esq. P. might receive the nomination of County Clerk and Esq. H. be the candidate for the assembly. I am sorry I did not give you my opinion upon that point then. Esq. H's family and business is in such a situation that I do not think he wishes or would accept of the nomination of assemblyman. I believe it has been generally expected that he would be re-elected Clerk. He has given as far as I can learn universal satisfaction in the discharge of the duties of office and would command a greater vote than any other candidate on the County ticket. In evidence of which I would refer you to Electoral Canvass 3 years ago. I think it would be bad policy to have too many new names on the ticket and if Esq. H. is dropped for Clerk and Esq. P. taken up there will have to be a new candidate taken up for the assembly. By a letter which I recd. from Southold they intend to urge Mr. Horton's claims to the office of Sheriff and if there is to be a contest for the Clerk's office I fear it will lessen your chance for a nomination for Sheriff. The old leaders of the Party will think there has been some intrigue and will put their veto upon it. Mr. Phillips has been mentioned as the candidate for assembly but appears rather indifferent about it. Report says he wants the clerk's office and has been planning to get it. as a friend of yours I hope you are clear of it and if not I advise you to cut the connexion and keep dark as the most probable means of ensuring your success. So write by the bearer yours truly Amos D. Sherill.

Major Felix Denny
East Hampton

By hand
of Phillips

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