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## Letter from Major Felix Dominy to Messrs. Griffin and Wells, 1830.

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East Hampton Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 1830

Dear Sirs

Yours date 4<sup>th</sup> Oct was duly received

Our acquaintance commenced in an auspicious moment - since ~~when~~ I have ever entertained friendly feelings towards you above the ordinary cast - and nothing has transpired to open it - Where I once form an attachment - the breath of slander or the prejudiced stong of the malecontent <sup>if added to my ear</sup> falls harmless to the ground - It seems you were unfortunate in the organization of your company of Infantry - and the most of you perhaps felt rather disinclined to go back to your respective companies - The language held out to Capt Hobart at Mr Griffins on the evening of Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of Septemr where he called for information, was - according to my views of the Militia law in connexion with the opinion of other Officers present, that Capt Hobart had nothing to do with you, if he was duly notified by Capt Horton of your enlistment into his company. - If your Capt issues false certificates before you are actually uniformed as you will see by Title 4<sup>th</sup> Article 1<sup>st</sup> Section 18<sup>th</sup> of the Revised Statutes, he does it at his own peril. - And if you divide your company so as to have less than 40 privates you are according to Title 4<sup>th</sup> Article 1<sup>st</sup> Section 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, & 13<sup>th</sup> of the Revised Statutes liable to be disbanded - I have a particular regard for Capt Horton and believe he would not designedly do a dishonourable action - the law is plain and must be your guide. I feel friendly to your company and will do any thing consistent with law and honour to support it. It appears your company as it now stands is a company of rather choice spirits, a little above the ordinary cast - but I sincerely hope entertaining no Aristocratic views of superiority, as you say you are purely Jacksonian. I hope also you are purely Democratic -

Do your duty as good and faithful subjects, submit quietly to the ~~laws~~ <sup>laws</sup> of your country, and you will no doubt receive all the protection that a wise application of them can give - Yrs L. Corning

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