

so far from him, that I cannot have that direct and constant communication which the interests of our clients demand. One thing I most earnestly desire of you, and that is to forward me all notices, papers, &c., that may be served on Mr. V. B. [Van Buren] as my agent. He would never think of it himself, and my clients might be kicked out of court before I knew it. I shall make no more complaints about your bad writing, though your serawls are most infamous, after the capers I have cut in this epistle.

Yours truly,

B. F. BUTLER.

[Sent per Mr. Thurman, from SANDY HILL.]

June 11, 1819.

Jesse Hoyt, Esq., Albany,

DEAR SIR,

I have received a letter from Mr. Barker, mentioning the subject of the NIAGARA BANK, and requesting my opinion of a certain friend of mine, for CASHIER, provided he should conclude to purchase the stock—to which I have replied as follows:—

"I am happy to hear, by your letter, that in the event of your engaging in the Niagara Bank, you have thought of MY FRIEND HOYT, for Cashier. I know of no person within the circle of my acquaintance whom I could recommend with equal confidence for that situation. HIS INTEGRITY, ZEAL, AND INDUSTRY would I am confident, ensure him your approbation, and esteem. There can be no doubt of his being amply qualified for the task. His acquaintance with business is general, and extensive, and for perseveranee and activity I know of no one who surpasses him. His experience in Mercantile business, would alone have qualified him for the place, but in addition to that he has the advantage of some considerable acquaintance with the business of banking, from his employment last year in the Mechanics' and Farmers' Bank. I have known him for several years; intimately, for about three. After the unfortunate termination of his Mercantile concerns, instead of spending his time in idleness, or giving way to despair or dissipation, which is commonly the case in SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, he resolved forthwith to enter into employment of some kind or other; and, as nothing offered by which he could do better, he commenced the study of the law. All his friends, (and I amongst the rest,) thought this a very forlorn hope, for such had been his previous active life, and so long was his term of study, that I considered it absolutely impossible for him to confine himself to so irksome an employment as a clerkship in a law office, without any prospect of a speedy admission either to the practice or the profits of the profession. He was for nearly three years in my office, and for fidelity and attention, perseveranee and application, the very best clerk I ever met with. I consider him perfectly competent to examine (A) into the affairs of the Bank at Buffalo, and give you an accurate and judicious account of every thing that relates to it. It is needless for me to say that I feel a deep interest in his prosperity, and that nothing would give me greater pleasure than to see him placed in such a situation as would give him a competent support; but perhaps it may be necessary to satisfy you that my opinion of his merits is not over-rated. I acknowledge that I am his friend, and I know that friends, like lovers, are a little blind to the faults of those they esteem, but I believe I may safely refer you to any person acquainted with Mr. Hoyt, for a confirmation of what I have said."

(A) This is in reply to a suggestion about sending you up to investigate the business, preparatory to a decision on the subject. (14.) I have sent my brief in—cause to New York last week by mail.

Yours truly,

B. F. BUTLER.

June 14. I send you by J. L. Thurman, Esq., a package for Mr. Barker, containing, in current notes, \$2,200. I have received yours by Mr. Clark, with \$1,300 in W. and W. notes.

B. F. B.

DEAR SIR,

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