

Murfreeboro. October 10. 1823

Dear Sir,

~~Since my~~ last to you I have had an opportunity
of conversing with a number of gentlemen who have
been acquainted with Mr. James Erwin from his
childhood; and I am gratified that they all unite
in ascribing to him the most unexceptionable
character for morality, integrity, industry and
energy in business. He has acquired great credit,
for the exertions he has made in extricating himself
from the pecuniary embarrassments of a large
mercantile business in which he was engaged
some years ago. His connections in this State, in
Georgia and the Carolinas, are as extensive
and respectable as that of ~~any~~ ^{any} ~~that of any~~
~~person~~ of family, of which I have a knowledge
in the United States.

I should have written to you on political
matters long before this time, if I could commu-
nicate the opinion of all our members
of congress on the prudential question

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Wm. Erwin

James Erwin's Clerk

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