

Dr Sir

We have not decided yet whether you are to have the Stat Act. Mr McLaughlin arrived here yesterday, I have talked with him upon the subject and I think that he will agree with me, if we come to that point, it will be to give you the Act by paying for the improvements, which we should endeavor to have worked out on the roads in D, I shall do the best I can for you may depend,

On the other page I have written to you as you see upon an important subject, and I want your careful views, for the letter will be shown, if required,

write for you on having a great business for me I never saw the like Give my respects to Mrs McShady & the girls — you get in the papers all that relates. Legislative business, a strange "man law" will pass but I shall not vote it — the present law is strange enough as I think

Yours Obedt Servt  
J B Patton  
Michael & wife I should be glad to see them

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A. P. Richards Esq

My Dear Sir

I have received some letters and one Petition (with but few names) in regard to the wants of the inhabitants of our district for food &c,

You will perceive that it is much against the interest and good name of our County to ask the State to give money & food for their support, at the same time, if it must be done, if the people are likely to suffer to any great extent, we must come to it, as a last resort - humiliating as it must be

My object in writing you at this time, is to obtain your views upon this subject, You will therefore give this matter a thorough consideration, showing in view our present condition and future prospects, An immediate answer is respectfully requested

Your best servt  
A. P. Richards

P.S. I have written others upon this subject,

S. B. Pate  
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