

DOCUMENT 6 – LETTER FROM MARTIN VAN BUREN

May 12, 1842

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Hermitage

Gentlemen

May 12^t 1842

I have rec^d at this place your letter
inviting me in behalf of ~~the~~^{its} Common Council to visit
Chicago on my way home. Having decided to return
by the way of the Lakes it will, ^{I hope} be in my power to
comply with the request of the Common Council,
and I beg you to assure them that I shall do so
with great pleasure. It is not at this moment in my
power to say at what time I shall be able to
reach your City but hope to do so by the 20^t
of June, at the furthest.

Have the goodness to make
to the Council my sincere acknowledgments
for this gratifying mark of their respect, and
believe me to be, Gentlemen,

Very respectfully
your friend and
obedient Sevt
M. Van Buren

To/
John Calhoun
Daniel Ellston
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