Sep 30 1833

Washington D.C.
Editor of the Ledger.

My dear Sir,

I received your

ments to the Ledger of the

icians to a certain extent the

subject of the Pamphlet, which

that you are opposed to under

the present belief.

of it, I can have no objections.

I merely report that the friends of

this great natural work cannot

have your able cooperation upon

the columns of your splendid

but you as the author of the

Pamphlet in question next coming

vi. conveying the control of a

support of this important conception. The author of the Pamphlet

J. W. Smith, has the rude beginnings

in the creation, is in favor of

the construction of this great

Highway of the world, whereas I cannot.
by the direct agency of the God in order
not to be hereafter engaged in
the justice of the whole. People are
of the whole nation. and are also for
the union and to yourself and
the union. You will then recog
that you have done unintentionally wrong
by whom sole object is now
Museum in the area has been the
learning of the country. The glory of
the Union. It being difficult to determine
of this was or completed which it will
best seem the educational purpose of
the nation or the presentity of the
universe.

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Mr. Cullen
Copy sent to Mr. Dane 6th June 3653
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In this matter he and Buchanan were on the same side but Wise later opposed a Pacific railroad at government expense. Old Virginia, unlike the lower South, would not greatly benefit by a line extending westward from New Orleans to California. The letter is typical of Tyler's idealism in contrast to the money-minded business men of that day.

Sep. 30, 1853

Washington Lane Esq.,
Editor of the Ledger

My dear Sir:

I perceive from your remarks in the "Ledger" of this morning in reference to a certain pamphlet on the subject of the Pacific Railroad that you are opposed to such an enterprise at the present time. To this I can have no objection altho I sincerely regret that the friends of this great national work cannot have your able co-operation thro the columns of your effective journal. But you do the author of the pamphlet great wrong in considering him with a knot of speculators in New York or elsewhere, whose object is to build the road as a private corporation. The writer of the pamphlet, I am certain, has no such association but on the contrary is in favor of the construction of the great highway of the world commerce by the direct agency of the govt. in order that it shall hereafter be enjoyed as the property of the whole people and of the whole nation, and also for other reasons not necessary (to) mention here. You will thus perceive that you have done unintentional wrong to one whose sole object, however mistaken he may be in his views, has been the prosperity of the country & the glory of the Union - it being difficult to determine if this road be completed, which it will best serve, the commercial grandeur of the nation or the perpetuity of the confederacy.

Yr fr & obt svt,

Ro. Tyler

The year 1854 saw little or no correspondence between the two men. In that time the Know Nothings swept over Pennsylvania and the North but were successfully thwarted by Wise in Virginia. This victory greatly enhanced his prestige not only in the state but also in the Union and fanned the ambitious fires in his ever active mind.

The pamphlet referred to was one written by Robert Tyler and had a wide circulation.

H.S.P.