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Dear Sir,

Permit me to direct your attention to the division of Counties — Lancaster is large and consequently respectable in character and influence — by a division the reverse might be experienced.

Governor McKean said as remarked to me as follows —

"I am opposed to the division of Counties — a small County increases the passions of the People — the love of office impels Men to attempt division of Counties — the love of money induces Men of influence and property to leave a County given for their own advantage — it is a matter of regret with me that the Convention who

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I assume the ~~present~~ present
constitution did not take the
power from the Legislature
by dividing the State in
such a manner as to
divide each County District
when its population is suffi-
cient number of inhabi-
tants to be organized as
a County - In this case
the convenience of courts
would best be ~~consulted~~
and the people preserved
from an unnecessary waste
of public money and in-
crease of taxation -
Have you heard the opinion
of a Member of the Legisla-
ture who framed the pre-
sent constitution - He has
often offered by you to divide
the State to the number of
County Districts present on

- you would be highly
opposed by your Constitu-
ents -

I make the suggestion
and leave its action
to your better judgment.
Yours truly

Richard Conyngham

My address is Paradise
Lancaster County Pa

Paradise Pa
June 9th

Henry G Long Esquire
Member
of
Conventions
Harrisburg

P. Longmeyer
June 8th 1837

June 29th 1837 —