Sir,

having to contend with the author of a pamphlet, who has wrote against what he wishes to make your religious opinion, and having his authority before me from which he endeavours to make you to be a person who disbelieves in what is commonly called Divine Revelation—I would as a favour ask you to answer me (if you think fit) only these two questions: First do you believe there was a Deluge and do you believe that mankind originally sprang from one pair? I believe you are of my and his opinion but I would wish to have an answer from you. Time times how altered words may have altered—he says that you would think little of the man would endeavour to prove you to be no infidel, which is one of the reasons I have written you on this subject.

I disbelieve this, and if I were convinced you were only, I should think it my duty to hear more from you than I have before. I would publicly pronounce you such, and should take the same liberty in requesting an answer.

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Lafoye, Sir, New York, Nov. 9, 1800.

I am honored to receive your message expressing your sentiments and desires. It is a pleasure to see that the interests of our countries are considered in a manner so favorable to our joint prosperity.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

President of the United States

[Signature]