Sir

To your flattering Communication an immediate answer was unavoidably prevented. I shall feel happy in being able to furnish you with an accurate copy of your portrait, at my usual price 50 Dollars, which shall be immediately begun and finished as soon as possible. It has met with general approbation, but from the difficulty of the front face, I am afraid the marks of copy may not be so much hid as I could wish.

While on this subject, I must say that I was much modified at the abominable copy of this picture in the print first made from it; and was in hopes a second (just finished) would
have been, under my inspection, sufficiently accurate.

But the Engraver does not supply the necessary delicacy
of hand and eye, though it is much better, and still
disappoints. The same cause exists among
us for the imperfection of Engraving as of Painting.

Yet the want of Encouragement cannot repay my
pursuit for the Art, nor my wish to become eminent
in it. We confidently hope for better times—
much will be done by Example.

I remain, Your 
Friend & Servant

Philadelphia March 1st. 1801.

Rembrandt Peale.

Thomas Jefferson

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