Monticello Oct. 13, 17.

Dear Sir,

I received two days ago your favor of the 5th and shall be very happy to see Marshal Grouchy here. I have never considered him as a personal Bonapartist; or as an approver of the crimes or of the usurped power of Bonaparte; like many other good men, their country after a long suffrance under the most afflicting calamities having settled down into a certain order, they were unwilling to encounter a new course of calamities for a mere exchange of rulers; I fear no hope of a change of order for the better, all men speak of the Marshal as of great worth, and I sincerely wish his merit may be so far recognised by the existing rulers as that he may be again received into the bosom of his friends and country.

In reply to a part of a former letter of yours respecting Higson's title, I must observe that by the laws of this State, a deed being once recorded, the record becomes the title. The original in whose favor prefect, proves the same as the record, in my it, thanks it is still a proof that the title is in you, nor can this title be divested but by a conveyance from you. He therefore expects you will execute.

Mr. Correa and our Walsh have just left us. We are endeavoring to get an University for the State established near Charlottesville. At present it is under the name of the Central College. It depends on the adoption of the State whether it shall assume a larger name. The collection of literary characters which it will of course produce will greatly improve the state of our society, and Correa says it will induce him to get a house near it to pass his summers at.

I salute you with constant and affectionate respect.

Mr. Short.

J. Jefferson
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