Richmond 17 October 1815

Sir,

The ruin of my family and the consequent
wretchedness of my declining years, induced by an
expiry of arbi.trary favors in your hands, together
with the active malignity of certain advocating years
infallibility, should have been born with consistent
resignation; and it will be the unoffending family
offspring we are likely to be a proof of their only inheritance
their father instilled reputation. Hence Sir, I have
come, in the confined sphere of affectionate regard
of former recollections, and family intimacy, to
appeal you of my intention (in due season) to address
an issue at once, through the medium of the
public press. Mindful of the maxim that no man’s
character is the better for bending; and, at the
same time, the desired election you especially
hold in the community, I am equally sensible, that
mention of fame like the monstrous mammoth
when
tacit, will generate greater measure than simple
report, on the prudence of a Demose—
And, however inapplicable to the abstract of Truth,
you may conceive your Party, partly of fraud
and justice to be, yet will I not shrink from
any proofs of fact and reason, however atrocious,
or doubt of a far worse injury upon my person.

Order upon this fund occasion especially
request to my conclusions. You therefore will
will be pleased to recall the fictitious Scenes
opened by the Secretary of State to the Marshall
of Virginia: the Philharmonic, and the
considerable conversations conducted in August
1797, as well as your Cabinet, as at your family
residence. When from distinguished privileges
granted the Marshall, and the rude corrections
addressed to him, the most profound respect was
inverted into justice in indignation. When the
Secretary of the Treasury, more particularly,
permitted the judicial defects of the most unceasing
and maddening vices: when characters of minor
consideration,
and, in the President's, were introduced of the
precious objects, on whom to confer your official
commands, even to the excitement of Congress
resolves from the other four chosen members
of your Justice Board in the banks of the Schuylkill.

Thus in Sir, I would fain stimulate your
consciences. And whilst no one more truly
laments the death of my personal and esteemed
friend Dr. Rush than myself; or, can be
more indifferent to the fame of the deceased
Governor of Tennessee, David, with every desire
of justice to the honorable characters of Pierre
Porter, Esq. (and, I believe) Co. Thos. OBrient,
challenge your appeal to their memories for
the correctness of these few hints; to shew the
source of those details; among others, which
shall hereafter unfold. And believe me Sir,
I send "nothing that temtiple, or set down ought in
fair" molie", in the prospect of an odious impost
on me as an indifferent duty.

Kaly Page to affirm you more over that
this
Randolph, the 17th, 1815.

I am at a loss to know how to answer your note [illegible]. The law is full of difficulties. The case of [illegible] is a similar one. The party is an [illegible]. There is a [illegible] and [illegible].

I am, Sir,

[Signature]

[illegible]