Dear Sir,

The gentlemen in the opposition have roused up the ghost of Mr. Hamilton who called himself Bonn ocean. This is the man who was tried in Charleston for piracy and murder delivered over to the British Government according to the Treaty of 1794. And is the same on aid of whom such a noise was made in the New papers.

The President was called on for the papers in his case. These have been prevented, and as the call has probably been intended to move the clamor which was then raised against our Government, and as it is proper the people should have a true state of it, thereby prevent deception. I have enclosed a copy in the interest of yourself and neighbours. I believe the contents of these papers have very much disappointed the gentlemen who made the call.

As yet I have seen no letters from the state of New York. I am anxious to hear from home. As one of those which intends some notes of Mr. Jackson I wish an early answer. Remember me to all I love.

Yours truly,

Leven Powell

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Dear Burr,

The gentlemen in the opposition have raised up the Ghost of the man who called himself Jonathan Robbins. This is the man who was tried in Charleston for Piracy & Murder & delivered over to the British Government agreeably to the treaty of 1799. And is the same on acct. of whom such a noise was made in the New papers.

The President was called on for the papers in his case. These have been printed and as this call has probably been intended to revive the clamour which was then rain'd against our Government, and as it is proper the people should have a true state of it & thereby prevent deception. I have enclosed a Copy for the perusal of yourself & neighbors. I believe the controls of these papers have very much disappointed the gentlemen who made the call.

As yet I have rec'd. no letters since the date of Jan. 11th. I am anxious to hear from home & one of mine which enclosed some Notes of Colo. Jackson I wished an early Answer. Remember me to all & am

Yrs. Afffectly,
Leven Powell

To,

Major Burr Powell
Middleburg
Loudoun County
Virginia.