Dear Sirs,

My mind is not made up as to your letter of the 1st. Inst. The land warrant stands as I informed you before in no manner of their being satisfied. I wish you would send the instrument to me. You must not, however, send the one you do not wish to send; I must send the one you do not wish to send. The one you do not wish to send, I must send. I have written to you in order that it may be made in the most precise manner and you will probably find it in one of the papers.

I am very sorry to hear of the head which your election is likely to prove. From 10 other conduct last year I had no doubt that the word of any length did make a great impression. And I must confess that I had feared that your Address on the same subject to your friends might not be carried out. Shall I see Mr. [name] to confirm the news he thought? He says that you have published a second address to the people, which will be a great obstacle against your election on being considered as a mark with respect to some characters. Particularly, one, to whom I suppose I refer, whether itments about the construction he mentions are true or whether your enemies are right in it to accuse your friends, I know not as they are not a

I am in another business that of electioneering and try to make the person engaged in it unhappy. The person knows too much and all the advantage of our conduct. In short, I must do what I can to make him understand. He has always been a man, who always had the greatest conduct among the men he was to see. I know not my own appearance as a candidate, but they have urged it against my election. The whole, as far as my experience is correct, I have been the only person that has ever been a candidate, and they have urged it against my election. If you can in either honorable manner, and glad to find in your letter that you were determined not to be ruined. Because for me but change may be, they may tend to direct compassion. I have always believed that there was a man that of a just, and would do nothing if the only way to give such a man consequence is to oppose him. But be the result of the election what it may, you should take it in good part, and so put yourself.
fully satisfied with the decision of the people I believe in your assurance. 

Matthews will do to drive himself. except unfortunately appear one General 
should take place which hope will not happen. Indeed I am far from being 
convinced that circumstances may not occur to make a settlement. 
abrupt. Having purpose to make I am obliged to one half without a cut will not be 
heavy. Remember me to all particularly your Mother. That her I am happy to hear 
the last letter so long ago.

My affec. 

Jno. 4th

April 1810.

Your affectionate

John Neff
Dear Burr.

By the Mail I have rec'd. your letter of the 1st. Inst. The land Warrant stands as I inform'd you, there is no means of their being Satisfied. I wish you would find the Statement on the French business & send to me, the one you sent may do but I had rather see the other, in order that it may be made in the Most proper manner. You will probably find it in one of the Desks.

I am really sorry to hear of the heat which your Election is likely to produce. From Jo Lewis' conduct last year, I had no doubt that he would go any lengths & not stick at trifles to gratify his Ambition. And I must confess that I had fears that from his address & readiness to use any means you would find him troublesome. I had by the same Mail a letter from Major M. ______ to whom I had written to inform me how he thought the Election would terminate. He says that you have published a Second address to the people which in his opinion will operate against your Election as being considered personal with respect to some Characters & particularly one meaning I suppose Lewis. Whether the price will admit of the Construction he mentions or whether your enemies represent it so to answer their purpose; I know not as I have not seen it. But guarded as I have always found you I cannot believe ________ is a proper one.

It is a trifling business that of Electioning and pretty sure to make the person engaged in it unhappy, the cunning knave too has much the advantage of an honest man and the less he has at stake the greater his exertions & the more he will risk. Whenever I have myself appeared as a Candidate I have been urged to it against my inclination and yet under these circumstances such has been the attacks made on me that I have experienced a great trouble and publicity. As you have offered it will be proper to get elected if you come in a fair and honourable manner, and I was glad to find in your letter that you were determined not to be Lewis' Accuser, for however just charges may be they rather tend to excite compassion for the accused than to operate against him. I have always believed that Lewis was a man that if let alone would soon bring himself to nothing & the only way to give such a man consequences is to oppose him. But be the event of the Election what it may, you should take it in good part & profess yourself perfectly satisfied with the decision of the people & I should advise your showing politeness even to Lewis himself except unfortunately a personal quarrel should take place which I hope will not happen. Indeed I am far from being convinced that circumstances may not turn up to make a disappointment a benefit. Having papers to enclose I am obliged to use half a sheet, or it will be too heavy. Remember me to all, particularly your Mother & tell her I am happy to hear she has taken so long abroad.

Yrs. Affectly.
Leven Powell

To. Major Burr Powell
Middleburg
Loudoun County
Virginia.