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Mr. Foulke
Leonard Pounds Post
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I am Sir respectfully

Yr. Mo. Obt. Servt.
Thomas J. Page
Feb. 5th, 1801.

To.

The Honble
Leven Powell Esq.
Washington.