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My dear sir,

I send you six of 215. The time which an Ex. pres. I am obliged to spend in Judge Washington junr. as an opportunity of an evening I must confess, that like your self on the first view of the subject I should have preferred a difference to the Burr, but after reflection I have most certainly changed my opinion not only of the safety of the Republic, but of the necessity of voting for Mr. Burr as he is the head of the Federalists from almost every part of the continent, and having generally acted with them second even sacrifice my own opinion and adhere to men who are generally acting for the benefit and support of the Government, rather than leave them when a subject where I differ in opinion from them. This is in my private opinion on the subject, and I beg it may not operate an instrument with you, from the shape of action there are a thousand circumstances that ought to operate with you that desire rest to it, and I of course should depend on your judgment, if other things are equal, shall first ally you before the election and, accept the correctness of your family for your health and truly I can with real regard your favours.

To Leven Powell Feb 7, 1801.