Ceremonial Feb. 6th 1801

Dear Sir,

The letter you did me the honour to write me, on the 9th Ulios, came safe to hand, and very much obliged me; thereby, you are solace enough to request my opinion on the Grand Question of a choice in our near President, and it is with extreme sorrow and regret, that I am compelled, even to think of either of the Gentlemen who stand highest on the list for that important Office. I believe it never was intended by any of that Party, to place Mr. Burr, in the President's Chair, he was, only seen with Mr. Jefferson, with a view of being appointed Vice Pres. in order to shut out the other two Candidates — my opinion is of no Consequence, but I freely tell you what I think on the Subject. I am told that the people of Loudoun, have no Idea of Mr. Burr, as Pres., that in case you should Vote for him, that it will injure your Election, perhaps it would be as well to vote for Mr. Jefferson, as he seems to be the Choice of a large proportion of the people. I have not been in Loudoun since last Nov. court, therefore can give but little

Francis Adams
To Leven Powell
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I settle account how they stand. Request you, I have no doubt, but you correspond with gentlemen so that County, by whom you will have doubt get proper information.

I have since written to all our friends that I have met with, and in point, and express wish is, that you will exercise your own judgment, on this important question, you being better informed, and a better judge of these things, and well knowing your integrity and abilities, will rest satisfied with your vote let it be as it may.

I expect to be over at the City on that day, and will call to you, if I should not, will thank you to keep me a line and let me know how things are going on.

Most Respectfully,

[Signature]

[Name]

[Date]