Williamsburg, 25 July 1840

Dr. Sir,

I have been honored by your letter of the 2d June and have to express my acknowledgments to the 10th Ward Litterian Club for the polite notice which they have been pleased to take of me in conferring upon me the right of honorary membership, and in the satisfaction they express at my nomination for the Vice Presidency. In regard to the latter, which was up to the moment of its being made wholly unanticipated by me, I must be permitted to say that I regarded the honor as greatly enhanced by the association of my name with that of the illustrious individual who has been nominated for the Presidency — Independent of the fact that our birthplaces were within the short distance of five miles of each other, and that our fathers had been colleagues in important deliberative bodies during the Revolution, I had served with him in both branches of Congress, and for a portion of time we were fellow boarders under the same roof — the fullest confidence has therefore been afforded me of becoming intimately acquainted with him, and that acquaintance has deeply impressed me with an exalted opinion of his private and public worth — that he is a man to be loved and esteemed, all who know him can well assure — that he is a patriot whose whole soul is devoted to advancement of the momenti, and glory of his country, a long life of usefulness can well attest — and that he will if elected restore the Constitution to its legitimate and proper meaning.
not for a moment doubt. It will be for him to set an example
of more value than can well be estimated to the future success
of our institutions, in limiting the Presidential term to a single
term of four years - the President thereby will become separated
from party, and carefully abstaining from bringing his patron
rage to bear on the succession, the whole and undivided efforts
of his administration will be directed to the good of his country
and the establishment of his own claims to the gratitude of posti-
city. Whether such a consummation is to be achieved or not
depends upon the people, since it is for them exclusively to
decide in the reelection of their agents.

With sentiments of high respect

I have the honour to be,

Yrs l c

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