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Dear Sir,

I received your letter of the 20th instant and am glad to find that the family remain well. I trust we can soon be with you in person when that is known. I feel very anxious for the time to arrive as I really want to see home again. I must, however, hope of getting away early in April.

At this distance from the County I cannot make up my opinion as to the event of your next State Election, but from various circumstances I think you will find it no more favorable than you expected when we last saw each other. I believe that the coming of the District Court will be a circumstance against him. It will place him there in the neighborhood of centricide but they give the Trumbull force more intellect and influence in the Election. He is a man of great activity and much to say of himself and will be calculated to make impressions on every friend. I am as much inclined to think that the Anti-Jackson will support him with a view of steering to their side his connections.

Thinking in this manner, I should be latter pleased if Mr. Cushing did not offer. I believe that we are in a critical situation and when we meet with a friend character, we must not let it happen and then we had better be gratified. The success of our government depends upon system, they move without a sound, but their strength is in their currence when it happens.
with their opposites to which it too often the case. I have no doubt that it will require all the good sense of the people and the greatest caution of the friends of Government to keep us together, such is the contradictory situation of the party opposed to it. But it will be unnecessary on your part to give a hint of the hand to Mr. Claparison and of he is a candidate and whether he will get the election. Whether most certainly vote for him not unless you what power I own.

We are employed here much in the same way, listening to the discussion of little things brought forward by the Ministry, scarcely a business to take up but they continue to keep on something from town of their general system. A few of the last days have been taken up with an Amendment proposed by Mr. Wickards the Bill prohibiting loan rec acquisition with foreign loan Amendments. This Amendment went to offer alienation among us to carry on direct trade to other countries to the citizens, one of the effects of that coin, not mean. There we doubt would have been that our debt would ever have been paid with French spray for all the the law contemplated neutral clause yet the thing would have been easier interfered by more people been naturalized in Holland. So that while they break were insuring our neutral ferrying among us we should be allowing them a commerce trade to the exclusion of our commerce.

There had frequent conversations with the Ministers and I should foresee any bill but that betimes since are good he will appear to have too much clout to doubt it but when I say this of him I must also say that if the wants are not yet as I believe them to be, he is the most under the influence of prejudice of any man of my acquaintance so much more he appear to one who cares.

The Treasury promised that he would close on but one side of my question.

Yard Mason informs me to say that the money he was to pay goes on account of a gentleman in Boston, to be advanced by you mainly for his benefit. Supposed Mr. Nelson you need some money to repay for me in King. That you wrote it was necessary on you, as promised one that whether or not the gentleman sent the money in I should find the Week. I tell him that in consequence of this promise I should write you to apply at Albert for it. I wrote that I would send the money in at once on that place, do that you can write to Bathe who will send it being if I have not heard you had better apply about the cost of the Week.

From present appearances every thing is quiet in Town the outlaws of the New Constitution have come out in which the people will have no little to do in matters of Government as they had in other things or last very few of them compare to their numbers. Whether the thing is to join or whether new regulations are to take place is very uncertain. Perhaps we can tell the Presidencies at the elevation of the Indian names they may settle their own. Remember me to all dear.