

Sir

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My dear ^{Dear} ^{Letter} of the 10th has been received and I am duly sensible of the favor of your attention to the subject which was the subject of it. seeing the importance, that special considerations should we keep pace with the publications invented and disseminated against me. I came at one in a resolution to rest on the just & good sense of my alterations, to consider forming several documents and go out thro' life, not to count them, whether these chances were probable & and I have made an irrevocable rule never to enter the lists of the public papers with the propagators of them. I might communicate more than you please I have ~~never~~ communicated them without success. In the first place all he pleased to consider the present letter as meant for your satisfaction, and to assure you that the falsehood may be annihilated by itself by a small or any other, but not but the little turtle who tells the public papers, or tells for any confidante of your audience. I have at least given you of dubious the actual opinion of a friend, as there were some particularities above the last summer, but the paper is so very, partly, & so little altered the author to those stated, no any the acquaintance or likely to him to any, but in or to any other person here or anywhere else. I had one private conversation the last summer with any, but him, that is with the little Turtle in the presence of Capt. Hall his interpreter. I can infer nothing from him the opinions of the Indians with respect to a mean time, the worship of him, and a future state. he answered me frankly, but I could not tell the name of either who told me or whom in those opinions, so of course one infersable on the comparative merit of any religious opinions. He therefore is a pro-labouration till in its minister & in all its instances. I venture, conjecture the superiority, his note is on the subject and know his worth & candour too well not to wish that we could have set to rights on this subject. I will ask if you please, that attention to your favor and pray you to accept my esteem'd best wishes
David Reddick 1802

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