

[Nov. 10, 1783?]

Sir

The Esteem of the wise & virtuous  
is the most desirable Acquisition in human Life,  
but the wise & virtuous as well as weak & vicious  
are liable to Impression & Mistake. Considering  
the active Industry of the Partizans of this City  
I should not wonder if the many Slanders propagated  
ag<sup>st</sup> me should sometimes have made Impression.

Under this Idea I was induced to publish  
a small Pamphlet taking Notice of the most  
material & annexing some Letters from a few of  
the first Characters of America —

Permit me Sir, to crave your  
Acceptance & Perusal of one of them. An Answer  
to that Part which respected Gen<sup>l</sup> Cadwallader was  
attempted supported by very contemptible Testimony

Reed Presid<sup>t</sup>

but none was ever offered to the other -

Your amiable & respectable Character  
has induced me to take this Liberty which I  
shall not enlarge farther than to request you to  
believe me

with much Respect Sir

Your most obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Very W<sup>th</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Jos. Reed

3<sup>d</sup> Street Monday

Morning