

Dear Sir,

Monday 29 April 1803.

On my return to this place I was delayed on my Journey a day, with a view to procure that information which was contemplated, when I had the pleasure of seeing you last. Subsequent communications however appeared to me to ~~not~~ ^{have} ~~had~~ the way to conciliation, that it would have been highly improper to have introduced the subject in the way proposed, and consequently silence was imposed on me. The Letters that have passed thro the means of the military character who visited you before you left Monheillo, I firmly believe will prove ~~the~~ source of relief to the person to whom they were addressed, and the impression made on his mind, as to the object of certain persons in exciting improper sentiments toward you, is at this moment a correct one. To some of his friends I stated the necessity of using their influence to counteract similar efforts, and I hope they will be able if it be necessary to make an ~~contribution~~ ^{contribution} to this person.

The last Letter ~~you received~~

Prentiss Joseph. Wm^{ts} by Apr. 29. 1803.

rec^d. May 5.

you received had not been undecorated when I saw Mr. W.
the expectation of an answer I endeavoured to offer, by
stating, that the subject of it, did not seem to require
it. I rather however think that it was expected, and
the way to reconsideration being opened, I feel such
solicitude for its progress, that you will pardon
the suggestion on my part. Since my departure
however, circumstances may have already occurred
which have been satisfactory. I am Dear with
sentiments of unfeigned Esteem Y^r Friend

P.S.

may I beg you to present
my affection to Mr. Madison.

J.P.