

Norfolk 10th Oct 1806 -

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Oct 10

Respected Sir

I have shipped in good Order
on board the Sloop George. Capt Butler a Box
to your address. it was imported in the Ship Ocean
Capt. Benchman from Marseilles. & sent to the Care
of Thomas Newton Esq Collector. & by him I am
requested to forward it on -

I avail myself of this opportunity to convey
the effusion of a Grateful Heart. had I have
done so, at an earlier period of your exalt-
ation to the honorable station which you fill
it might have borne the semblance of adulation,
but at this period. I feel a belief that my
intention will be justly appreciated -

My character which I value much has,
no doubt been assailed by Malignant and
interested Men. but if they have said, that I ever
was an opponent of yours in word or deed
they did me wrong - if they have said that
ought has been omitted for the publick goods
which my Negligence or close application
could prevent they have also done me wrong.
or if it has been said, that I ever did
an act - as a publick agent, or private Citizen
from viceous or improper Motives they did
me injustice - but I have digressed - it was
not my intention originally to do so - - I over

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I had no other object in view, but to acknow-
ledge my Gratitude to a Benefactor - who held
in one Hand - the comfort of Life - & in the other
poverty and degradation - the former of which
has been benevolently extended to me - I cannot
do less than make virtuous confession of my
feelings - in doing of which - I am much relieved
from the pressure of mind, which the many obli-
gations I have received - has occasioned ^{while} ~~having~~
nothing where with to repay - but Gratitude.

I wish you every personal enjoyment
in this Life & in that which shall succeed
the approving Smiles of an allwise and great
creator

I have the honor to be your

Excellency's obliged & faithful

White Servant

C. J. PARKER

To his Excellency
Thomas Jefferson esq
President of the U States