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Sumner's Hotel
January 18 1802

To the President of the United States

Sir, when I did my self
the honor of paying my respects to you on the 16th Inst, it was
my intention to have expressed the high sense, I entertain of your
Justice and friendship, in the full opportunity afforded me of
defense by the mode of investigation you were pleased to bring
into the charges exhibited against me as collector of the Port
of Wilmington - from this duty and pleasure I was prevented by
the appearance of Company

knowing as I do Sir, your Consti-
tutional authority to have removed me at any time without
enquiry, that your main pleasure is the tenure by which
I hold my Office, I review with the highest degree of satisfaction
this distinct and plain proof of your impartiality in this respect,
for I am well aware that in no other way could I have had
with the least chance, of meeting and disproving the un-
founded charges of my envious and illiberal accusers -

I have the consolation of believing
that the testimony taken on that occasion, can leave
not the shadow of a doubt on the mind of your
Excellency or of any other disinterested person, that
I had benignity of any moral conduct in office; but on
the contrary had faithfully and vigilantly executed
the duties imposed on me

From your past indulgence
and Justice I hope I may be permitted to congratulate
my self

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my self on the prospect of holding my office until
some cause of removal may arise, and be assured
Sir, by the prompt and faithful execution of my various
duties, it will at all times be my first wish to merit
your approbation -

The unwarrantable liberty, for
some time past, practiced by certain newspaper
editors in ~~persecuting~~ your intentions, and
misrepresenting your conduct towards me
for the purpose of answering party views, permit
me to declare Sir has been totally without my
privity or consent, and gives me much pain

Please to accept Sir my sincere
respects and best wishes and believe me
with sentiments of the highest consideration

of our most ob^t Serv^t

Amos