

April 26, 1804
Columbia, South Carolina.

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Sir

The kind, and polite, attention, you was pleased to show me, during my stay, at the Seat of Government, demands, my most cordial, and sincere thanks, and will ever stamp my ~~any~~ mind, the most hearty, and sincere, of Gratitude, and Esteem. —

Deeply impressed, as I feel, with those Sentiments, I conceived it a duty, incumbent in me, to make it the first, and principal, object of my enquiries, on my return, into the general Opinions, and Sentiments, of the best informed, and most influential Characters, amongst us, With a view, to ascertain the best possible ~~information~~ information in my Power, respecting the probable result, of the deliberations, of our Legislature on the amendment of the Constitution, at their meeting on the 10th of May next at Columbia, and I am extremely happy, that an Occasion so favourably presents itself, in communicating to you, —

That notwithstanding, all the subtleties, and wicked ~~mischievous~~ machinations,

Mulligan. Apr. 26. 04. rec^d May 14.

Influenced by the Disorganising Federalists, added to the Writings,
of an Influential Senator, opposed to the measures, will avail but
little, So sanguine do I feel, under the strongest impressions, that the
Amendment, without any manner of doubt, in my mind,
will inevitably be adopted.

The Governor of this State, arrived here on Saturday evening, last
from his Seat. (the hills of Seneca, with whom I had the Honour, of
a Friendly Visit, with, this morning, His Grace, but doing Justice,
to the goodness of his heart, in communicating to you, the kind
and Friendly Enquiries, he has been pleased to make for you, Hoping
that, at some period, not far distant, he might have it in his power,
To realize that, which he had long contemplated, in the pleasure of seeing you

I pray you to accept my most respectful, and Sincere
Wishes, for your long life, and happy continuance
at the Head of our administration.

and Believe with very Sentiment of
respectful Veneration,

your Wth. Ob^t. Serv^t

This Jefferson 189.
President of the State

Wm. Mulligan