

Sir

Washington Nov. 3. 06.

Your favor of Oct. 10. was received on the 24th. & I have to thank you for your attention to the box therein mentioned, which came safely to hand.

The assurances which you are pleased to give me of your dispositions towards me are received thankfully. no information to the contrary had ever come to me from any quarter. I have never had a wish to controul the right of private opinion or of suffrage in the officers of the government. I have only believed it wrong, where they disapproved those principles of administration which the will of the nation has sanctioned, that they should employ the influence of their office in aid of an active opposition to them. no person, not doing this has ever been disturbed in the right of his personal suffrage. Accept my salutations & respects

Mr. C. Parker.

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on rights of office-holders

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