

Richmond March the 11th 1809

Respected Sir
you are about to retire from the helm of a
beloved country and independent nation which you have
steered with truth and patriotism when the peace of our
country was disturbed you hasten to prevent further hostility
your measures which our government took to court
peace with the beleaguered powers of europe is disregarded
and our ministers in london and paris is grossly insulted
i hope as long as the blessed sun shines on us we will
Preserve our independence which our forefathers dearly
Bought with there blood and i hope that every true
american will pledge there lives and property to save there
country from the yoke of a foreign nation and i sincerely
Hope whoever takes your chair will follow your
example for the welfare of our country let no man
charges you with dishonour after your retirement as every
true american patriot knows your principle the dare
not i have but one more remark to make with sincere
Regret that traitors goes unpunished in our country
at present when your lamp of life is extinguished may
Your old grey hairs sink down in the grave with peace
and happiness for ever i hope that your excellency will

Consider these few lines worthy of an answer

Mr. Conacho John. Richmond. Mar. 1. 09.
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I remain Yours with High
Respect John McConacho