

May 12, 1804

Charleston May 12<sup>th</sup> 1804.

Sir

It is with deep concern, at a crisis so important,

As the present, when the fate, and prosperity, of our country, and the

Happings, of our present administration, so much depends on the  
Questions, of every kind & republican, I behold with pain, in looking  
Over the list of Senators, to find so many decided Federalists, who are  
no doubt unmaking us, of every Artifice, in their power, to oppose the question  
of amendment, of ~~amendment~~, which is to come before them.

From my own knowledge, and the best <sup>information</sup> ~~probability~~ that possibly can  
collected, you will find, out of thirty six Senators, fifteen, decided Federalists  
and five doubtful, out of the remaining sixteen republicans, there are  
as yet, Three, of the most influential Members, here in behind, Capt Smiths,  
J. Gailward, and James Hibbens, of Christ Church Parish, from various  
of intimacy, and friendships, with these Gentlemen, I have taken the liberty  
of calling on them, to use my utmost endeavors, to impress them with  
~~the necessity~~ <sup>the necessity</sup>, of their going forward, on so momentous, an Occasion,  
The death of Mr. Smith, which happened, a few days, ago, prevents Capt.  
Smiths, The Court now sitting prevents Mr. Gailward, and Mr. Hibbens  
from his domestic concerns, it is not even now too late, if they can be prevailed  
on, for which purpose I have just sent my horse across, the ferry and of my  
self in a short time, in order to be seen Hibbens

Mulligan

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I don't think, that a Show, can be made, before the middle, of next  
Week, Owing to the badness, of the roads, from the great falls of water,  
we have had lately. Still there is little doubt, in my mind, about the  
Lower House, we would there be any vote in the Senate, if our members  
were all present.

This day being the 12<sup>th</sup> is brought forward at the instance  
of some Republicans, and fixed upon to elaborate the great article of the  
Growth of Louisiana, and an appropriate Oration to be delivered  
by Mr. St. Pierre, at the request of the meeting.

And may you, who have been placed, the happy instrument  
in the hands of an all wise Providence, to bring about these great attainments,  
long live, to enjoy the heartfull gratitude, of your country, & the Senior Wives of

Sir,

Your Most Obedt. Serv<sup>t</sup>,

D. Mulligan

Th. Jefferson Esq.

President of the States.

Names of the Senators of S. Carolina

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[unclear]

Those marked R. are Republicans, D. are doubtful, and F. are Federalists

Gov. Pickens President, R

- J. Blaker R
- R Barnwell F
- J. Blasingame R
- Jos. Calhoun R
- Lucy Casey - R
- Wm. Collins - F
- Ellis Ford - R
- Thos. Landon R
- C. Gochens R
- J. Wade F
- J. Hibern, R
- W. Rutledge F
- J. James - R
- J. Landon F
- Andrew Low ~~R~~ F
- J. Manning - F
- F. W. Pickens D
- Richd. Montgomery D

- R. Manning R
- Gov. W. Mendenhall F
- C. C. Pinckney F
- R. Pinckney, F
- J. Postell Sen. F
- R. Rogers - F
- Arthur Simkins R
- Albion Smith R
- J. Saxon R
- F. Taylor R
- J. Thomwith R
- J. Wickham D
- H. D. Wade - F
- Saml. Wares R
- Wm. Washington F
- Thos. Wells D
- Thos. Young F absent.

- 16 Republicans
- 15 Federalists
- 5 Doubtful