

Washington — At Mr Kearney's. May 1st 1806

Sir,

Last February I took the Liberty of addressing a Letter to your Excellency, pointing out my Family Connections & Hopes of future Usefulness to the United States under your Patronage; and, I also promised myself the Honor of a personal Interview with you on my arrival in this Capital —

This Honor I have denied myself hitherto, because I have not received Letters from Mr Monroe, and Gen^l W^m Lyman of London to introduce me to your Excellency and to Mr Madison, which were promised to be sent last August

I now deprive myself of the Satisfaction of entering your Palace from another presidential Motive, via — "that I have come to America as a Spy,"
"from the British and have gained m^r"
"Samuel Harrison of Vermont to be my"
"assistant"

I never suspected Malice & falsehood were capable of inventing such a Fancy —!

It has been known in Europe & America, that in the last twenty years, I have opposed the British Policy (with Mr Fox) which has confused the World and ruined England.

This Report has given to me no Harm: but as the Creators of the Report have a Game to play in favour of the A^damic System, I will not assist them in blaspheming your Name & Character in the Newspapers of the Northern States, which verily would be the Case, should I have an Audience of you — I did not dream myself of importance enough to have Spies attending me through the United States — yet such is my consequence

Gideon Granger Esq^r & Joel Barlow Esq^r know me. A Recommendation from them, I should value more than all the Virtues ever possessed by the late William Pitt & Associates both in old & new England = Arsenic has freed England of the Tyrant —
"a felo de se"

The Request I made in my former Letter
I Submit again to you in hope & Confidence
of gaining your Patronage to my Son & to me
according to our Merits & Deservits

When the Floridas are in Possession of Congress
a Place may be found for my Son, if not for me
my Son's Address is - No 315. Pearl Street. New York

I shall depart for New York in a day or two
with fervent Prayers for your Health and
Prosperity in your exalted & difficult Station.

Permit me to say what I believe from what
I have heard in Connecticut, Vermont, New York,
New Jersey - Pennsylvania, Delaware & Maryland

that if you refuse being elected President [the
Third Time] of the United States, it will occasion
the greatest Convulsions which have happened
in America since New England was settled.

Should you & Mr Madison, Mr Gallatin & Mr Granger
retire from public Life, Mr Fox, Mr Bedford
Grey, Whitebread, Sheridan, & Berkshire will mourn
with your Excellency,

True & Faithful Servant,

Samuel Peters...

N.B. Samuel Harrison Esqr who has been with me,
& implicated as a spy - is so far from being a
Foe to America, that he probably will be elected
A Representative of Congress, next September
from Vermont in Room of Mr Olin, who
means to resign attending Congress after
next March - Mr Harrison is no Anomite

N.B. The Rev. Mr. Patterson formerly of Annapolis
& before that, was Tutor in the College of William
& Mary, in Virginia, was totally blind last July
in London - He taught me your worth, above
twenty five years ago - If your perfect Neglect
of me & my Son, will never make me dislike
you - or Cause me not to Support your virtues
& Policy and Science - made warm & glorious
"by Woodwards Electro n" or "which Christ came
& kind in man's Hearts" - S. L.

Peters Sam. Esqr. Wash. 21. May 1. 06.