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Johnson to Benj. Hawkins
[end of letter - 9. Pm]

in your power to quash them by affecting the object.

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Mr. Madison enjoys better health since his removal to this place, than he had done in Orange. Mr. Giles is in a state of health feared to be irrecoverable, altho' he may hold on for some time, and perhaps be reestablished. Browse Trist is now in the Mississippi Territory forming an establishment for his family which is still in Albermarle, and will remove to the Mississippi in the spring. Mrs Trist his mother begins to yield a little to time. I retain myself very perfectly healthy having not had 20 hours of fever in 42 years past. I have sometimes had a troublesome headache, and some slight rheumatic pains, but, now sixty years old nearly, I have had as little to complain of in point of health as most people. I learn you have the gout, I did not expect that Indian cookery or Indian fare would produce that, but it is considered as a security for good ^{Gourens 459} health otherwise, that it may be so with you I sincerely pray, and tender you my friendly and respectful salutations.