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Ala^a Decem^r 23^d 1800..

Y^r Polite and Friendly Letter
of the 19th demands my best
acknowledgments. For Y^r information
therein respecting the Treaty, so far as
it had come to Y^r knowledge, be pleased
to receive my thanks. I am now more
Puzzled with respect to a President, than
I have ever been during the whole in-
temperate News Paper War, with Respect
to Mess^{rs} Adams, Jefferson, Pinckney,
& Burr; it is true the thing is more sim-
plified, & reduced to a single Question
which will you have, Jefferson or Burr;
yet I do not in my mind if I had
the Casting Vote, know what I should
do on the Subject. If Mr Jefferson is
determined to follow keep up, and
Adopt French Politics - If he becomes
President, Civil War & Ruin will cer-
tainly, & shortly too, ensue. If Mr
Burr gets exalted to this great Place
in Question - I fear from what I hear
of his hot & intemperate Character
he will involve us with both the

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To Leven Powell
from RH Hool?

King of France, & France's dependencies, &
the Emperor of the British Isles, and his ^{Dominions}
to the North, the South & East of us - Then we
that are now living must never expect
Peace in our days - And must die with
the Pangs, and unpleasant feelings, of having
left an everlasting bloody War, that shall round
the Necks of your Childrens, Children; You
that have them - And at large our Posterity
to the latest day. After all I hope and
Pray for the best; and that 'till then that will
not care for, or Court either French or
British Policy, but steadily keep up the
American Standard, should be ^{the} Choice,
if I had a Vote on the Present occasion.

At Present we will say no more about
Mr Secretary of the Navy, and I shall finish
my letter with saying that I believe after
all he or his Agents know but little
about building Ships.

Yours,
D. D.

Yr. very humble Servant
R. B. Hooper

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