

Centerville Feb. 7th 1801

Dear Sir,

The letter you did me the Honour to write me, on the 19th Ult^o, came safe to hand, & am very much Oblidge thereby, you are polite enough to request my Opinion, on the Grand Question, of a Choice in our next President, Sir it is with extreme Sorrow and regret, that I am Compelled, w^{ch} to think of either of the Gentlemen, who stand highest on the list for that Important Office, I believe it never was Intended by any of that Party, to place Mr. Burr, in the Presidential Chair, he was, only run with Mr. Jefferson, with a view of being appointed Vice pres. in order to shut out the other two Candidates — my opinion is of no consequence, but I ^{will} freely tell you what I think on the Subject I am told that the people of Loudoun, have no Idea of Mr. Burr, as pres. that in case you should vote for him — that it will Injure your Election, perhaps it would, be as well to vote for Mr. Jefferson, as he seems to be the Choice of a large Proportion of the people, I have not been in Loudoun since last Nov^r. court, therefore, can give but little

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little account how they stand Effected there, I have no Doubt, but
you Correspond with ^{the} Gentlemen in that County, by whom you
will no Doubt get proper Information —

I have shewn you better to all our friends
that I have met with, and our Joint, and express wish is, that
you will exercise your own Judgment, on this Important
Question, you being better Informed, and a better Judge of these
things, and well knowing your Integrity and Abilities, will rest
Satisfied with your Vote let it be as it may —

I expect to be over at the City on that day, and
will call to see you, If I should not, will thank you to drop me a line
and let me know, how things are going on

Most Respectfully
I am D^r Sir Your
Most O^b Servant

Col^l Devin Powell

By
Francis Adams
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Conduct of J. P. Kelly
of

Col^l Devin Powell

City of

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