

Washington Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> 1801

Dear Burr.

We have been since  
the 11<sup>th</sup> Inst. endeavoring to  
make a precedent which is not  
effected, believing it of no  
kind of consequence as it  
respects the interest of the U.  
States which of the Gentle-  
men were chosen & discovering  
great danger from the Warrent  
on both sides that a choice  
might not be made which in  
all probability would throw  
this Country into a very un-  
happy situation, I did believe  
that true course would be to  
take such steps as might ward  
off that evil - Mr. Jeffersons  
friends believed that he would  
carry it on the first Ballot,  
and Mr. Burr was still more  
certain that if they failed on  
the first that the latter Ulti-  
mately succeed. A number of us  
whose opinions were similar  
agreed to Vote for Mr. Jefferson  
on the first Ballot showing

Washington 11th Nov 1862

Dear General  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the 1st Regt. of the 11th Mass. I have the pleasure to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. M. [Name]

thereby our Acquirement in  
the choice of Leitch should be the  
man & afterwards to vote with  
Mr. Innes give us to give them  
also a trial, having been pre-  
viously assumed that a choice  
should ultimately be made.  
These gentlemen I believe we  
are now satisfied that they  
cannot bring over to their  
side the votes they expected &  
I did believe the thing would  
be finished to day which how-  
ever has been put off until  
Tomorrow, when I think there  
is no doubt but it will end  
in favor of Mr. Jefferson. The  
Contest has been hard & obstinate  
but conducted with much  
temper & I hope benefits will  
arise from the opposition as  
Mr. Jeffersons friends have been  
obliged to make great promises  
as to the course of his Adminis-  
tration particularly as it respects  
our Neutral situation & the Navy  
which it is believed he has

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authorized them to do. How  
far these promises can be  
relyed on is uncertain but it  
is well to have them & we are  
not without hopes that it will  
learn him a good lesson that  
the Washingtonian System will  
be the more prudent for him  
to follow & if he does this or  
conducts the Government with  
propriety there is a great  
Majority of those who have voted  
against him that will be  
found among his supporters.

I forgot to say any thing in  
my last about Clove seed. I  
think it probable that what I  
may sow will be in the  
fall. I had better therefore get  
out as much in that way as  
will serve me all in which  
case what is clear may be  
sold. ~~clear~~ I wish you would  
procure as much as I  
may want my Corn land wheat  
and orchard fields is all  
that will want it this year,

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Some will also be wanting for  
my Cou - I write you by  
Cpl. Lane in my Horse when  
here the 4<sup>th</sup> of March  
Yours in haste  
Lionel Powell

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