

Middlebury Sept. 4th 1806.

Dear Sir,

This Post brought me your letter of the 28th Ult^o and I perceive its contents. Your reasons for not voting on Mr. Millars resolutions are not without their weight & such as would have governed me, but how it will be taken in the County I cannot tell, there will not be wanting those who will endeavor to prove from it the old charge, that you are shifting from personalism. The first opinion I took was to publish that part of your letter in the Benning paper, leaving out the name of Mr. Holard because it might probably operate against him, at present I am undecided on this point & will depend on what I hear said about it. At this critical time it is certainly the duty of every good man to have courage to do every thing he can to soften party zeal, but such is the situation of things that I am afraid every good which might be expected from such attempts will be frustrated by designing & affected Zealots with a view of bringing themselves into notice.

The resolutions certainly had a tendency to embarrass any person who could not have a confidence in the President's Wisdom, firmness & Virtue, because this opinion being a public act would go out to foreign Nations with whom we have disputes, and believing that Mr. Jefferson's Administration has been attended with great injury to this Country and the want of those virtues the very reason why we are in our present situation, it would have been impossible for me to have voted for ^{them} and I could not have reconciled to my self giving such a vote as would show foreign Nations that I had no confidence in him and particularly as he has had the choice of the people.

There are not the times however for reason & equity, we are rent into parties & designing men will keep up the heat. At the beginning of

Lesson I had hopes from the tenor of your letters, that moderation was taking place, but from several Acts of the House and particularly in the Resolution to give the Governor of this appointment I discern the same Virulence as has hitherto marked the footsteps of that party, the truth I believe is, that this Affection of moderation can only be intended to oust those who were in the way, but who perhaps had more candour & less prejudice than the ministers.

There is no coolness between Mr. Nelson and yourself, yet from the motions coming from him and that too after I suppose he had seen you go out of the House, it seems to look a little like it.

I will enquire of Mr. Rogers about the Mustafines in time to send to you what is necessary - As the Auditor keeps his Quo. ^o ^o ^o the High Sheriff the Money may be due by some other Deputy.

Colo. Woodrow who was our Agent in Hampshire for the Collection of the Mustafines has resigned, I wish you would enquire of the Members from that County who would be the best person to appoint, perhaps Mr. Long or Smith would undertake it.

When I was in Alexandria last I wrote to the Auditor mentioning the mode we had adopted in settling with the Sheriff for Mustafines & desired him that if any other should be more agreeable to him to write me & it should be adhered to, Mr. Shepard has not wrote me on the subject, I wish you would take some opportunity of speaking to him but we know his decision.

If the State has no Vote for the Shares taken it is proper it should have one, but it should be such as other Stockholders are entitled to, that is one Vote for each Share as far as ten, You will observe by the Act that no Stockholder has a right to more than ten Votes, altho he might hold one hundred Shares -

We are all here as usual & the weather remarkably fine, My Carol is quite green, and I hear complaints of several of the flocking -

Yrs Affly
Levin Jewell

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