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*S. M. M. M.*

1792.

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Charleston. Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> 1792

Dear Sir

Your favor I had not the pleasure of receiving until the Election for President & V.P. was over, the issue of which you are acquainted with. When I was at New-York last summer some of the Republicans informed me that they intended to start Mr. Burr for the Vice-Presidency. I begged them in the most earnest manner not to attempt it, offering sundry reasons against it: but they persisted, and it ended like every effort made by that party. They would try it, and then on the eve of the Election, they attempt a new movement, bringing forward Governor Clinton, buffeted and shattered as he was from the storm he passed thro' last summer. As for my own part, my heart & affections are with them, in spite of my judgment, which gives me to see them & their cause going down fast a powerful current, which to resist, is more vain, than attempting to stem the Delaware with the wind & ebb-tide against you. They Republi- cans have

have every thing to contend with: The Administration with its aids and implements: its offices, influence & Treasures; the fame & popularity, the weight & virtues of a certain great man, nay, Fortune herself is against them.

As to Mr. J<sup>n</sup>. Adams, his political maxims I well know. I have long thought, that with principles like his, so hostile to a Repub. so bigoted to Royalty; that such a man should hold the second place in the Administration of our popular System, is a stain upon the System itself, and must give to its friends but a sad preface concerning its duration. As far as the Election of Mr. Adams goes, it is a blow of suicide against the Republican system; The folly whereof strikes one more forcibly, when we recollect that Under a Monarch or single Ruler, he would never dream of elevating to the summit of authority, a man who openly avowed himself a foe to Royalty. He w<sup>d</sup>. never commit an act of such supreme folly, as our Republicans have run into

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end to dwell upon this subject; all I have  
to do, is to wish that more good sense & infor-  
mation may go forth among the people.

I shall conclude this tedious letter with  
assuring you that it will ever give  
me sincere pleasure to have a line  
from you & that I am with great  
esteem Dr. Sir  
Yours Dr. Burke

The Honble  
James Munn Esq;