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Richmond. Feb. 27. 1829.

Dear Sir,

I herewith send you a copy of a pamphlet containing Mr. Madison's letters and an Appendix, which I have compiled and prevailed on a printer in this place to print to the amount of 3000 copies, for distribution among the people of the State. My chief object in the Appendix was to sustain Mr. Madison's authority, by that of the Fathers of the Republic: and to shew his perfect consistency. I think it will produce a considerable effect. The Resolutions have passed both houses; but they furnish no index to the public opinion, & not even to that of the members: for to my entire satisfaction, it was ascertained that if left to themselves a decided majority of the Senate would have voted for laying them on the table. A great change has taken place and is going on: and it seems to be generally agreed now that very soon this State will be on the Tariff side. I send about 1000 Copies of this pamphlet into my district - and have written to my friends in all the principal towns, that the printer will keep his types in shape, and will furnish any number of copies that may be wanting at 3 1/2 cents each. I am mortified to think of the vile billingsgate to which I have been instrumental in exposing Mr. Madison, in his old age. But my dear Sir, I hope you will write to him, and endeavor to reconcile him to it. There was no way so effectual to counteract the mischievous use which Governor Giles was making of Mr. Jefferson's name. And has it not succeeded? The letters have gone over the whole continent. into every paper - in every State - seeing the efforts to create a prejudice ag^t Mr. Madison in this State. I have caused this pamphlet to be printed & one great object of the appendix is to shew that Mr. Jefferson's opinions as to the

powers of Congress have been knowingly and intentionally misre-
presented by the Governor of the State. Under the pretext of friendship
he has made Mr. Jefferson discover in his old age that he had been
the advocate of usurped power all his life. Now the people will
see the malice of such friendship. Austin's letter ~~to~~ ^{Mr. Jefferson's} ~~points~~
~~to~~ ^{letter} to the proceedings in Congress. The Report on the Fisheries is
conclusive. In short, look upon the whole tenor of these documents
and who can any longer doubt. I began to hold up the mirror of these
public documents to the people of this state in 1826. If you will look
into the Con. Whig of 11 Apr. 1826, and the Enquirer of 31 Oct 1826 (for
Mr. Ritchie would not open his press to me from Apr. till Oct) you
will see how I began. ~~Then~~ at the session of 1825-6 I stated on the
floor of the Senate "that for ~~20 years~~ near 20 years I had been
standing there defending the republican party - but if they would
persist in denying the just powers of the Gov. the day had come when
we must part". I stood agt. every delegate from my district. The next
winter Mr. Giles handed around Mr. Jefferson's private letter to aid
his resolutions. I again denounced them as at war with the Repub-
lican doctrines of the old school. And then I was denounced by
^{myself} ~~the~~ at the dinner given to the Hon. John Randolph. I believe I
stood alone agt. all the delegates from my district a second time.
I saw the importance of drawing out Mr. Madison. And believe
me, dear Sir, this is a shot between wind & water. By my subor-
dinate agency in this business I have drawn upon myself the he-
lrod of party. But thank God, I find now my district begins to
divide, and the truth begins to triumph. The day is not distant
when the State will respect her ancient doctrines, and shake off
the errors of the present day times. The prospect to me is truly heart-

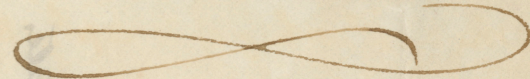
cheering amidst the surrounding gloom.

I have heard with great pleasure of your recovery from yr.
late fall from your horse; and with equal satisfaction of the
favorable report made in Congress on the subject of yr. claims.
I sincerely wish you every success.

Be pleased, Sir, to present me in the kindest terms to Mr.
Monroe, & to Mr. & Mrs. Hay.

Very res^d. Truly yours

Jos: C. Cabell



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