

Philad^a March 30 - 1816 -

My Dear Sir,

I have received the letter you favoured me with of the 24th on the 26th of the present month, accompanied by sundry Documents - I will try, knowing how precious time is to you, to reply to your letter as concisely as my feelings will allow me to do - I never, for one moment, since the first formation of the friendship that I believe subsists between you and myself, doubted either the sincerity or the warmth of your friendship for me - I never questioned, nor permitted others in my hearing, to question the warmth and purity of your patriotic exertions to serve and save your Country, without witnessing my disapprobation - these are persons, wanting in some things sound, unfriendly to you - but there can not be a man mindful of truth, who will say that any one publick Act of your life did not carry on the face of it, disinterested attachment to your Country - how mortified! how shagreened must I, who know you so thoroughly, feel! that any Gentleman should allow his name to be an instrument of intrigue, to try to deprive the Country of your continued services - Your exertions in the War, while the War Department was in your hand, is a living evidence of both your ability and Patriotism, to those who know you less than I do - from the day the War Department became under your Controul the complexion of the War changed - every thing went well - the rogue, if rogue there was in the Commissariate hid his head - the Soldiers were fed - success followed

Wm. M. W.

I profess I feel hurt that any Competitor could be found to contest
your merited claim on the general confidence of the Country --
Advanced in years, and inasmuch as I am, if my going to any part
of the Union, where my opinion had, or may have any influence,
on public opinion, I will undertake the Journey, if you do -

I shall hail the day that sees you President of the United
States - feeling full confidence, that whenever you retire to private
life, you will leave as just a claim to public's gratitude as Mr
Washington did -

Respecting the deprivations committed on me by
Admiral Cockburn, I feel assured that every thing was done to
obtain for me compensation, that the Case would admit of - As regards
myself, I would not give you further trouble -

The Documents accompany this letter

With warm attachment

I am respectfully

Your friend

J. Butler

Honble W. Munroe