

Albemarle Oct 3^d 1817

Dear Sir

I have this moment received your favors of the 1st, with the packets accompanying them.

I regretted very much that you happened to be from Washington at the time of my late arrival there, and more particularly the cause, which from the intelligence I received, I was fearful would be of longer duration. I hope that the complete restoration of your son's health, enabled you to arrive as soon as you did, and that Mrs Crawford & your whole family enjoy theirs. Nothing but my anxiety to see my family after so long an absence, could have induced me to leave the city, so soon after my return to it; but here, I shall be better enabled, than perhaps I should be there, to attend to business, & I shall be very officious to every thing sent to me from the Dept^s, especially to such objects, as have been neglected or retarded by my late tour.

In a short note to Mr Adams the other day I informed him, that I convers'd with you & him in the import, of the term "country" ^{in the late negotiation.} which I requested him to inform you, and
likewise

to make ^{it} known to Mr Basset.

The vacancies in the customs may be remained
unfilled, till my return to Washington, as you suggest,
that we may have an opportunity of conferring
on each.

The custom house at New Haven was attended to.
Three sites were offered, one near the river, and
that, not very distant from it, a third more re-
mote, but offering more extensive accommodati-
ons. The second appeared to me, preferable, &
if the affair is in a state to admit it, I think you
had better direct a contract to be concluded for
it.

The light house, on the little gull, in the
sound, seems to merit attention. The sea, had
washed away much of the land, and they were
making a wall, to protect a part only, and
a small part, of what remained. The position
is highly important for such a purpose, and I
think that the wall should be enlarged, so as
to include as much ground as will be necessary.
Col. Lushington [or rather General] if you have
no other person in view, would be a proper
judge in this case. Increased expense, in con-
sideration of what is already done, will be
incurred, but still I think the object de-
serving of it.

Respecting the piratical & smuggling
squadrons who have settled at Galvez town
I think precisely as you do, and that their
establishment should be broken up, proceeding

not it is within our limits. I shall instruct Mr. Thomas in the manner you propose, in a day or two, and in the interim will thank you to request him to prepare the proper vessel for the service.

I wish you to be acquainted with the communications lately recd. from Mr de Nevill, if you are not already, respecting which I shall write to Mr Adams.

I am dear Sir with very
great respect & sincere regard
yours James Mounier