

with regard to the nomination, which it is ^{probable} ~~presumed~~ ^{finally} ~~never~~ ^{never} ~~interchanged any idea~~ ^{intercourse} with any member of the Senate, until ^{long} after they had been acted upon by that body. I was ignorant of the reasons which had governed your conduct in relation to them, until the publication of the letter of the Secretary of War to the Military committee, and consequently could not have explained them, had an opportunity occurred. Any insinuation which ^{may} have been made to you, that I had any influence ~~in~~ their regulation is wholly false. I did not even know the opinion of the Senators of Georgia until long after they had given their votes.

In the ^{first sentence of the} last paragraph of your letter, you add, "that in performing the duty of the high office entrusted to me; I owe it to the Country as well as to the integrity of my own character, that its powers should not be paralyzed in my hands, but be preserved in full force, to the last day of my service, in execution of the measures, on which I have decided, & deem important to the Public welfare!" If I understand the import & application of the sentence, it refers to opinions which were called upon by you, I have been

offered by me relative to the ^{right} power of the Senate
to judge of the expediency of foreign Missions, &
to the power of ~~the President~~ ^{the President} to make
appointments in the ~~Executive~~ ^{Executive} of that body. upon the first
of these questions my opinion was ^{after} much reflection
formed, & officially expressed in the Senate of
the United States in March 1809. upon the last
if I am not greatly mistaken that I am not
the only member of the administration who
believe that the ~~power to make~~ ^{power to make} original
~~appointments~~ ^{appointments} ~~is by the terms employed can be exer-~~
~~cised by the President to make appointments~~
ding to the terms of the grant be exercised only
by & with the advice of the Senate.

If entertaining these opinions are considered in-
compatible with my official ^{relation to} station you,
that relation will I presume be promptly
terminated by your act. It is however due to
myself to assure ^{you} that these opinions will not
be employed in any manner, that to obstruct
the exercise of the power in question whenever
it shall be deemed by you necessary to the
public interest.

In reply to the two last sentences of the Paragraph, I
have the honor to state that I know ~~that~~ ^{that} you
have embarrasments have occurred in the
execution of some of the measures which you
had decided to be necessary and proper, but
if I know any thing of myself; of my ^{own} conduct
in relation to them they have been the result of
causes wholly ~~with~~ ^{unconnected with} any act of mine, either of omis-
sion or commission. If I remain a member
of your administration, it will conform strictly
not only with my views, but with my fulness to
render you the aid which you desire and
expect, if I have distinctly understood what
is expected by you. But if it is expected, that
I should be responsible for the imputations
which my enemies think the interest of their
favorites requires them to cast upon me,
then indeed it will be impossible for me to
remain in the administration with advantage
to you ^{reputation to} or myself. To ^{terminate} ~~retire~~ at this moment, by
my own act, ^{my} the official relation towards you

if I have not mistaken the style & spirit of your letter
might, subject me by implication, to the ^{charge} ~~admission~~
of having been ~~negligent~~ ^{unassessable} in my duty towards the
President, & of a deliberate ~~deliberation~~, if I remained
& of practically declaring that if I should continue
in the administration, "the aid which is desired
& expelled" would not be rendered. To the ~~the~~ ^{number}
of these implecations can I consent to subject
myself, ~~Self~~ ^{because such an admission would be wholly} ~~Self~~ ^{inconsistent} ~~Self~~ ^{with my past conduct &}
~~Self~~ ^{future intentions.}

I shall ~~not set~~ ^{not set} out on my return
to the city before

with my family
I shall set out on my return for the city the first
of next month unless I shall before that time
receive information ^{any} ~~any~~ ^{from you} ~~from you~~ ^{which will}
~~be informed that~~ ^{my} ~~my~~ ^{future} ~~future ^{will be} ~~will be ^{no longer}
under the journey at least with my family unnecessary
or ~~required~~.~~~~

Whatever your decision may be
I shall ^{continue to} cherish the recollection of the friendship
which ~~has~~ ^{has} ~~so~~ ^{so} ~~long~~ ^{long} ~~existed~~ ^{subsisted} between us, & shall al-
ways regret, if such shall be the result, that
the intrigues of unprincipled men have ~~deprived~~ ^{deprived} me
of it, without having had ^{of the opportunity} the means of defending
myself against their dark & insidious attacks.

With sentiments of the highest respect
Yours &c
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