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My dear Sir

I have heard nothing from you since my return from the westward; and such has been the pressure on me, of my private concerns, and other interests, that altho I have often been on the point of writing you, I have some how or other been constantly diverted from it. It has been my lot to live in a perpetual tempest, & to be vexed from quarters the most opposite, and in the present case the most unexpected. My good name will however survive the storm whatever may be the fortune of my political standing in my country. The vote of Monday next will in a great measure decide the latter question. Be the decision what it may, we have the consolation to know, that, it has been left in the fairest & most honorable form, to the free suffrage of the people; that having acted in all things according to the strict principles of the constitution, and possessed in the discharge on the utmost regard for every consideration that merited attention, we have nothing wherewith to reproach ourselves in any result that may occur.

I have heard with much regret that you have been seriously indisposed during the autumn. I hope that you have entirely recovered your health, & that your lady and family have enjoyed theirs. We came here abt. 10. days past, & are tolerably well. I hear with great pleasure that our friend Mr. Simple has derived much advantage from his voyage to the westward. My best wishes to you & yr. family & to him
yr. very sincere friend
Jas. M. Wool

