Hamburg 21 Sep.r 1801.

Dear Sir,

My last lines were of the 1st Inst. and I have not since had the pleasure to hear from you. this will probably find you at St. Petersburg after your Return ~~of~~ from witnessing the grand affair of the Coronation at Moscow, which tho' perhaps not as pleasing to the Philosopher, must be infinitely more brilliant than the simple Inauguration of [illegible] Institute. be that as it may however, I hope you may have been amply gratified with what you [illegible] & other Things at Moscow. — Mr. Jos. Dorr arrived here a few days ago from Boston, which he left about the 20 July. he saw your good Father & one of your Sisters a short time before in Boston, when they were very well. I understand too ~~that~~ your Father, with some others of the Family, has made a visit to Newyork the last Summer. it gives me great Pleasure to know that he is so well as to be able to Jaunt about, as he had been so indisposed last Spring. Perhaps you knew young Edw.d Rand Son of Doctor Rand, of Boston, poor Fellow he was shot dead in a Duel a little time before Mr. Dorr came away. by Mr. Miller Son of Chas. Miller — in a very foolish trifling Quarrel. — thus will men continue to laugh away their ~~lives~~ lives — I have also another unfortunate Affair to communicate, in which some of my particular Friends are concerned — the Ship Lydia, E Smith, owned by W. Rotch Jun. & Co. of Bedford, bound thither from Russia was wholly consumed by Fire, with her Cargo, in the month of July near the Banks of Newfoundland — but happily & providentially, the Captain & Crew were saved in Boats, & carried into Portsmouth N.H. — of this I will thank you to inform Miss. Cranmer Smith & Co. that they may acquaint the House who loaded the Cargo. Your Friend Cleveland is still here — has bot a vessel in which he purposes, with Mr. Shaler, to take another