New York, April 10, 1804.

My dear Sir:

It was my intention long before this time to have written to you, if for no other purpose to present myself to your recollection and renew the expressions of esteem and attachment which I have felt since the commencement of our acquaintance.

We are now agitated with an election in this State, which I consider as connected with important consequences. No certain calculations can be formed of this issue, but it is most probable that Col. Burr will succeed. If this happens, the Clintonians will be reduced in turn to a little Band, and with their defeat the destruction of Jeffersonian influence is necessarily connected. If Mr. Burr is not elected, he will remain the leader of a party of active Spirits too numerous and daring to be overuled or intimidated. - The character of the reigning party is violent and corrupt, beyond any example in this country, not excepting even Pennsylvania, but with a considerable portion of talent and aristocratic sagacity: - The elements of Faction in its most inveterate forms, are therefore prepared, and the highest honours of Jacobinism will come of course.

In this contest the Federal standard will not be exhibited, but Federal men, will generally support Col. Burr. No certain calculations can be formed of his views, except that from circumstances and situation he must be hostile to the leaders of the ruling Party - Mr. Jefferson has doubtless at one time declared his intention of remaining neutral in this contest among the Republicans, but it is now said, that he has equivocated and incepted the "Little Band" or in other words Col. Burr and his friends form this system of Neutrality. It will appear odd that Mr. Jefferson should have promised to re-