merits of Washington — what is this evidence now? must we believe, that Vox populi, est vox Dei — when it utters absurdities and contradictions?

There is an enigma, in the affairs of this Country, which I cannot solve — it is certain that the present Leaders of Democracy, are not respected for [illegible] and it is certain that many of their measures, are displeasing to the Northern States — I speak of the Democrats themselves — yet the fact is, the Party in favour of the present Administration, are every where increasing — It would really seem to be a reasonable expectation, that the discontents & divisions of the present ruling Party, should produce some disposition towards a conciliation with the Federalists on the part of the more sensible & moderate — but nothing of this kind, is so far as I understand visible in any Quarter.

Please to present my best respects to Mrs Quincy and to remain assured of the sincere attachment of yr. esteemed friend

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