New York, Nov. 22, 1804.

My dear Sir:

I cannot fulfil the duty assigned me by Mrs. Wolcott of enclosing a letter to your good Lady, without reminding you that I continue in existence and preserve a lively recollection of the proofs I have received of your regard. You may rest assured that I watch your movements with the interest of a zealous friend - that I perused your speech in the Legislature of Massachusetts, with delight and that I am more pleased with the result of the election in Boston, than chagrined at the fate of the Electorial Ticket in the State- at Washington, you will resemble a light in a dark place, but on that account, you will be more readily distinguished and better known - a more selfish consideration has not escaped my mind - I shall have the pleasure of seeing you several times in this City.

So it seems, Mr. Jefferson is to be re-elected by nearly an unanimous vote. This unanimity was regarded as unequivocal evidence of the merits of Washington - what is this evidence now? must we believe that Von populi est von Dis - 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 wisdom, and it is also certain that many of their measures, are displeasing to the Northern States - I speak of the democrats themselves - yet the fact is the votes in favor of the present administration are everywhere increasing. It would really seem to be a reasonable expectation that the discontents and divisions of the present ruling Party, should produce some disposition towards a conciliation with the Federalists on the part of the more sensible and moderate but nothing of this kind, is so far as I understand visible in any quarter,