Private

New York, Dec. 6, 1805.

My dear Sir:

I have received your two letters of Nov. 30th and Dec. 2nd. The annual accounts for 1791 and 1793 will I doubt not be found to be attainable from some of them who were members of Congress during those years - I will do what is in my power to find them for you.

I send you the first part of Phocian, the second, I have not been able to procure, if I recollect right it was printed by Mr. Young of Philadelphia.

The documents for which I referred you to my friend Mr. were prepared by him in 1789 or 1790, for a Committee of Congress on the Representation of Robt. Morris, Esq., formerly Superintendent of Finance. In the collection will be found the expenses of the war in each year = the relative contributions of the different States in Militia and enlisted troops, and if Mr. will be so good as to add to it, the amount of the accounts passed to the credit of each of the States in the settlement with the U. States, you will find in it, much of that kind of information, which you are desirous of collecting.

The Presidents message will receive its character from the suite of which may be brought forward. I should suppose that troops ought to be raised to bring the Spaniards to terms in the Mobile Country, if they have conducted as badly as is represented. That ships of the line and frigates ought to be built to protect our commerce and punish the pirates, etc., etc. But I apprehend that not much is intended by all that is proposed. The using the Militia may be well enough, but when used they will not be soldiers, and it is to be re-