Dear Sir! Washington. 17. Dec. 1811.—

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A modification of non-intercourse for the admission of books and Philosophical Apparatus!!! — Alas — for thy ignorance concerning the state of things in this most enlightened legislature in the world — As if English books, did not contain English principles — As if English principles were not of the most insidious, monarchical, anti-republican nature, of all things in the known world — As if it did not become every true lover of the people — every patriot to resist, counteract and "oppose" every species of attempt to introduce such nefarious engine[illegible] books, pamphlets and philosophical machines from that [illegible] land of [illegible] and receptacle of all that is odious and hate[illegible]. My dear Sir, if you do not design to be transported for an [illegible]glishman, I pray you not to breathe again so suspicious a [illegible]ish. — We are too enlightened here, to require any aid from [illegible] lights of that detected source. Have we not the Aurora — [illegible] the Democratic press — and the national intelligencer? [illegible] we not Tuck Coxe, and James Duane — and Joel [illegible]arlow? What need we then of transatlantic luminaries. — Alas! Alas! — That surrounded as you are with

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