Paris Febry 7th 1813

Dear Sir

I did myself the pleasure to write you last Spring by Lieutenant Biddle bearer of dispatches in the Hornet in which letter I informed you that I had sent your portrait to Cherbourg in company with that of Mr Sullivan's & Mr Jones's of N York, with the expectation of having them shipd for the U States, in either the Hornet or the Wasp (both there at that time) Mr Biddle encouraged me to this, & promised to use all his influence towards procuring them a passage in one of these Vessels. but unfortunately neither of the Captains it appears could be eventually prevailed upon to take them.

An opportunity has since offered at that port by Captn White of Salem, but our war having then already commenced, I did not think safe to send them, and it is well I did not, for we are told, that Vessel has been captured & conveyed to England. I shall however venture to carry them with me, ~~when~~ I go, & should I have the misfortune to be captured, I will take more pains to have them restored to me, than probably any one else would. I am decided to embark for the U States early this spring & hope to be able to procure a birth in a good sailing Vessel. My circumstances actually oblige me to return home, I do not meet with sufficient employ to enable me to bear current expenses, inconsiderable as they are but were this not the case, my wish, and intention would not be different, for I have now no object whatever nor inclination to prolong my stay here, I am satisfied with the knowledge I now possess of my art, which I believe is sufficient to