enquire of Philip - because I understood he was an applicant himself - and because his younger Brother had applied to me & stated that Philip had named him to you or to Mrs. Gibbs - & this prevented me writing to you of his application as unnecessary —

Since my last to you - a young man son of Thomas Clark jr. & now upon the G. Father's farm in the Neck, has applied his uncle having purchased that farm & to move on next spring - I am not acquainted with his Character —

I found Gov: Gibbs had imbibed some prejudices agt. Wm Smith Peckham of the nature & sources of which he can better inform you - I can only say that my information contradicts the statements which have been made to him - & comes from disinterested sources, as I believe - perhaps his dear aff —