Newport March 22.

Dear Sir

I find that by some unknown conjunction of the planets, in which the moon has perhaps some share, but which would puzzle the astronomers of Harvard, that some of my fellow citizens are about building two or three houses. As such a thing has not been known here since the days of Capt Partridge, so celebrated in Knickerbocker's History; these houses, that are to be, have become the subject of universal conversation. Whigs & Tories, Federalists & democrats now meet, not to dispute upon politics, not to fulminate resolutions, nor to drink & squabble, but to determine the size situation & qualities of these houses. Never since the days of Abdera has such an alteration in the people taken place. as I have travelled, I am the last person to speak on this subject as we only learn to be