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As Atty Genl 1815 (Madison) ~~at~~
Washington November 25. 1815

Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 2^d instant, which enclosed also one of October the 15th, has afforded me real pleasure. They both display the evidence of a good will, and a kindness of feeling, towards me, which cannot be otherwise than acceptable and grateful to me; and I assure you that they are so.

[Touching the olive-branch, and looking to the entire train of its ~~rise~~ progress, and termination, it only remains for me to sum up in one word by saying, that there rests upon my mind none other than a decided and exclusive conviction of the excellence of your motives, the honest deal of your feelings, and the wide usefulness

your exertions. And, most assuredly, if I were sometimes, for the moment, laid under the impression that in the complaints you were led to make I was intended to be included, your frequent and gratifying declarations to the contrary - public as well as private - have long since wholly expunged it, and substituted in the place quite an opposite feeling.

It will surely give me pleasure to cultivate your correspondence. But I fear that, for some time to come at least, I shall prove a sad delinquent. Congress begins in a week. That always brings with it an increase of my labors. Add two months of supreme court, which the winter will include, and I much doubt if, until April, I shall have a day, or an hour,

free from some official or professional call. If,
therefore, I seem neglectful you must set it
down to the true cause; the great difficulty I shall
have in embarking in any engagement merely
optional, when those of imperious obligation will
be pressing upon me on all sides.

I beg you to believe me
with entire respect and esteem your

friend Robt. Smith

Richard Rush

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