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Philad^a: August 25 1812

Gentlemen

It has been agreed by the federalists of 8 or 10 states that a meeting of delegates from as many states as conveniently find them, should be held at New York on Tuesday the 15th next - to consider on the proper nominations for the offices of President & Vice President of the United States - & on other matters of great moment in regard to the general interest - in particular to advise on the best means in an honorable & constitutional way to change the administrations which are so fatally conducting the country to ruin - and also to adopt the most probable ~~receptive~~ means for the establishment of right principles & measures in the future periods of the federal government - It has been left to the committee of correspondence of this city to procure the attendance of suitable delegates from this State, and I am directed by that committee to inform You that You have been nominated for that purpose - and I am instructed earnestly to solicit the attendance of one or both of you - such a crisis and such a meeting may not occur again - & the particular situation of Pennsylvania & her importance at this moment render it

essential that she should be fully represented -
If neither of you can attend, you will be good
enough to induce some gentleman of suitable
character to attend from your quarter - It is
intended that the meeting be confidential &
that the knowledge of it be communicated
to no more than are necessary -

Very respectfully
yours

John B. Wallace

Secy. pro tem. Phila
Consp. Council

Robert Colman &
James Hopkins Esqs

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Robert Coleman Esquire

Lancaster.

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Robert Coleman Esq.

Lawyer

Pennsylvania.



SIR,

Philadelphia, August 28, 1812.

HAVING been appointed at a meeting of Delegates, from the Friends of Peace and Commerce, of the several Wards of this city, a Committee of correspondence and conference in regard to the Presidential Election, we have after an extensive correspondence in this and other states, deemed it necessary, to request that a confidential Meeting of Federal gentlemen from all the counties of Pennsylvania, be held at Carlisle, on the 25th of September next, for the purpose of considering what measures it may be proper to adopt in relation to the Election, and all other points growing out of the present dangerous and distressing condition of our country. Should a Committee of correspondence in pursuance of the desire expressed in the letter heretofore addressed to several gentlemen in your county, have been already appointed, we must solicit you to communicate this request to the gentlemen composing it immediately. Should no such Committee have been nominated, we will trouble you to take such measures as, you may think expedient, to procure the timely appointment of one, and should any circumstances occur to render this difficult or impossible, we must beg the favour of you either to attend the Meeting yourself, or induce some of your friends to do so, in whose integrity, firmness, intelligence, and influence, you have full confidence. The dangers of our country both from foreign and internal causes, are now so imminent and alarming, as we trust not only to justify this intrusion on your time, but secure your active cooperation in the proceeding.

We are sir, with high respect,

Your most obedient servants,

ROBERT WHARTON, *Phil. Ward*

CALEB NORTH,

ANDREW BAYARD,

JAMES MILNOR,

JOHN B. WALLACE,

C. W. HARE,

HORACE BINNEY. *Phil. Ward*

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