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Washington August 2. 1820

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Assuring you of my best wishes,
I remain

very respectfully

your M. J. L.

Richard Rush.

[The Son of Doct. Benj. Rush - once Secy of U. States,
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