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Dear Sir,

London 31. March 1794

From your liberality & literary pursuits which have long secured my esteem & regard, I am induced to introduce to your personal acquaintance Doctor Priestley, whose philosophical & literary ability is well known & held in high estimation throughout Europe; yet hath he been cruelly persecuted, (to the disgrace of this Kingdom) & driven to seek an asylum in your rising Empire; tho' our loss is deeply lamented by those who know his worth, there is some consolation in our loss being your gain, as your Government & enterprising spirit is congenial to his principles, which I trust will be received with candour.

The singular event that at present involves the European powers in a desolating war, exhibits a dreadful prospect of an unprecedented alarming crisis; from which I hope you will keep clear, from receiving timely advice of our Admiralty's suppressing the unjust orders they had issued; tho' I was pleased with the result of Mr. Madison's first motion, as it showed a just spirit for supporting the rank & dignity you have a right to hold among the nations. I am with compliments to Mr. Andrews & family, Dear Sir.

Your assured & most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

Sam Vaughan

Rec<sup>d</sup>. Doctor Andrews.

The Rev. Doctor Andrews

Philadelphia