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before I received it , had it not been for the Sorrow & agilation of my Mind, both on the Sub ject of your & others. You must have observed with what auertion . Dilliculty & Hefitation I spoke to you of my Son's Conduct & Repolations which were dictated to him by his Companions What gave me the greatest Pain was . lest you thould think that he came away with my Conferd. because he come with me, but I hope that the Knowledge you have of my In. bention with Regard to him will clear me of any Sufficient of that kind. I did not know That this line of the year was a throng one with you, but promised to allow him a thort Re. cap in the hollest of the Weather, by which I hold you I meant the Month of August, the he with 'I to understand it differently. I am extremely long for his Conduct lowered you, & can offer no Except for it. Mad he followed my advice, he would never have talked of his Situation to his Companions. but if he had any Complaint, to have mentioned it to you or mes but I find that good Harm enforce pour the meetings of young Men , in which they relate their Swerel Siluctions, & compare them with each other. The Circumptance of your removing to the Country, & the arrival of Somewel frem to have made the first alteration in his Sentiments, the of all his Complaints I thought none was of to much Importance, as that he was obliged to they in the fame Room with Sween other people, by which his health was endangered. This indeed I thought a ferious Maller, as I thould have thought il a bad Regulation, even in the Jail of Philadelphia, or the Beltwing House, but I low him third he ought to have mentioned it to you, I to have refused to submit to it from the Beginning, which it feems he did not. Neither you nor I would chale to Interite to all the Doctrines of our Friend Dr. Ruth, but I was much pleafed with a Remark that he made in my tall Calling on line, viz. that a great many Inconveniences & even ma. ny Immorabilies refulled from the Practice of allowing leveral young People to theep in the longe Room, or bed, together, I the I had heard of many fuch in my younger Days, & approved of the Practice of lome of my friends, who politically prohibited its in their own families, I confels that the Observation seemed new to me at the time. But if Dr. Ruth had confidered the Matter merely with Refrect to health. I am fuse he would condume the Practice of laying eight People in Jour Beds in the Jame Room, especial. by in this had Climate, I in a City where the Houles are to practices & roomy as they are in Ohiladelphia. I know that many Ocople pay little Regard to the feelings, & wen to the Interests of young People, but I was fure that this was not the Cape with you , only I mention this Circumptance to then that your Kenoval from the City proved a very lerious Maller to bim in one Repect at least. I wished him to be allached by Inclination to you of your house, of thought that Maken were in a lair Way to that End. Will the Change in your Residence look place. at the Jame lime I am Imfible that the Suggestions of Somervel & his Silvation with Mr. Dollar made very ill Impressions, & excited complaints & Uncapinch. My Son enoncourty Supposed that he was distinguished how others whom you em.

ployed, on account of your not having made a formal Bargain with him. I lold him that this Circumptance indeed made a Diffinction, but that the Effect of it ought to be, that both Parties ought to behave with Confidence, briendthip of Generality to each other, that neither of them might have laufe to regret the Want of a tomal agree. ment. But you know how apil young Ocople are to justify themplaces, & to lay the Blame on others. I have talked with him feriously on this head, but with very little Effect, as young Deople now-a-days begin very early to think themselves wifer than their Perent, effecially when their Whims are encouraged by their Companions. I believe that all my Son's Complaints of his Treatment would not have led him to come away . nor wen to have any thought of it , had it not been for the infidious Sugget. lions of Somervel, who perhaps from Mobies of Allachment, Country or Similari. by of Inclinations, laws to have wither to carry him off along with him. What he mentioned with Regard to the Nature of your Butinep, as having labely sun mostly into the Stationary Line, I thought not of much Importance, the it famed Incious at lirth, I was no doubt Juggested by Jone of his Companions, but altho I had thought it of as much Importance as be fromed to do, I would not have withed him to make any Alteration in his Silvation without your Knowledge Advice and Concurrence, I would have with'd it might been to be your Act I not his: I readily at. low that you have not acted from becrative Molives in this Office, as from the Beginning I declared my Willingnep to tubleribe to any agreement which you thought nationable, providing that I was able to perform it. What alteration the affumption of two Parlners may make in your Affairs, with Respect to those People Mal you may chuse to employ, or the Mature of your Business in general, it is impossible for me to lay, but as I am fuse that he made no Agreement with them, dired or indirect, a new arrangement would I think have been necessary at any Kale. and Juch a one, I think, might till be made, if he could be brought to a proper Sense of his Interest. I have often told him that it is the worth thing in the Norld for a young Man, when he breaks his fift Connections, as the like will naturally be expected in all those that he may form afterwards, & that the Acquilihon of a Mabil of Industry, & of the Throwledge of Bufines & Mankind, is of more Confequence to a young Man than all the Luxuries & InJulgances that he can enjoy in the mean time. But what avails Speaking to those who think Themselves wifer than the Speaker? I with'I him to have you for his friend, even when he was no longer in your Employment, & hope that formething of this may yel take place, notwithflanding what has happened, which you justly afende le lorige Influence. I am glad that you lay that it will make no alleration in your friendship to me, & I am to far form complaining. that if & had

another Son lil for the Bulinch, I would afk it as a lawour that you would take him under your lase, only perhaps I would with to have him bound by a formal written agreement. I fond you this by Mr. Additon, with two Letters for Great Britain & one for Jamaica, which I beg you to take the brouble of forwarding by first Opportunity. I land you likeways a valuable Pamphlet, translated from the dow Dutch, on the Divinity of Chrift, which, if you pleafe, I think you ought to x. publish. It would be an excellent antidate to the Poijon of Prietley's Doctiones with which many begin to be infected. Dr. Er/kine fort me five Copies, to give away, I lent one of them to Mr. auderfor by Mr. Immie. I could get it republished in This Place, but that is loo small a livele for to valuable & necessary a at the fame time I am perferaded that it would felt at preferet, if upublished Philadelphia. I have feldem feen fo much tolid dogument, & fuch pertinent Applications of the Scriptures, comprised in to pual a Space. I perpeade myfelf that you will like it on Porufal, untip the difagreeable dight in which the Perfor who fends it, must fland with you at prefent, thould give you a work Opinion of it. It you thould not think il advitable to republish it, I have referved mother Copy, lend to New Mork, & to request my Friend Mr. Miller to en. deavour to got it republished in that City. It is but little that we can do for the Service of God & Religion in this degenerate age, but we ought not to gradge the little that is in our Power. My Difficulties are many, & the low State to which they reduce my Mind renders me very unfil for Action of almost any kind, but I have no Perfor to whom I can pechy communicate my thought. I need the City & Prayer of God's People. While the Enemy is coming in like a flood, it is Pily Mal there are to few to pland in the gap, or to pray that the Spirit of the Lord may raise up a Standard against theur. The Concernence of private & public Diffreper opports my Mind more than I can expect. I am, with Effects,

Dear Sir,

your very humble Sevent Cha. Nisbel.

Carlisle, 25th June, 1796.

Dear Sir,

I was favoured with yours of the 16th curt. by Mr. Imrie. I would have writ you before I received it, had it not been for the Sorrow & Agitation of my Mind, both on the Subject of yours & others. You must have observed with what Aversion, Difficulty & Hesitation I spoke to you of my Son's Conduct & Resolutions which were dictated to him by his Companions. What gave me the greatest Pain was, lest you should think that he came away with my Consent, because he came with me, but I hope that the Knowledge you have of my Intentions with Regard to him will clear me of any Suspicion of that kind. I did not know that this time of the Year was a strong one with you, but promised to allow him a short Recess in the hottest of the Weather, by which I told you. I meant the Month of August, tho' he wish'd to understand differently. I am extremely sorry for his Conduct towards you, & can offer no Excuse for it. Had he followed my Advice, he would never have talked of his Situation to his Companions, but if he had any Complaint, to have mentioned it to you or me, but I find that great Harm ensues from the Meetings of young Men, in which they relate their Several Situations, & compare them with each other. The Circumstance of your removing to the Country, & the Arrival of Somerset seem to have made the first Alteration in his Sentiments, tho' of all his Complaints I thought none was of so much Importance, as that he was obliged to sleep in the same Room with Seven other people, by which his health was endangered. This indeed I thought a serious Matter, as I should have thought it a bad Regulation, even in the Jail of Philadelphia, or the Bettering House, but I told him that he ought to have mentioned it to you, & to have refused to submit to it from the Beginning, which it seems he did not. Neither you nor I would chuse to subscribe to all the Doctrines of our Friend Dr. Rush, but I was much pleased with a Remark that he made in my last Calling on him, viz. that a great many Inconveniences & even many Immoralities resulted from the Practice of allowing several young People to sleep in the same Room, or bed, together, & tho' I had heard of many such in my younger Days, & approved of the Practice of some of my friends, who positively prohibited it, in their own families, I confess that the Observation seemed new to me at the time. But if Dr. Rush had considered the Matter merely with Respect to health, I am sure he would condemn the Practice of laying eight People in four Beds in the same Room, especially in this hot Climate, & in a City where the Houses are so spacious & roomy as they are in Philadelphia. I know that many People pay little regard to the feelings, & even to the Interests of young People, but I was sure that this was not the Case with you, only I mention this Circumstance to show that your Removal from the City proved a very serious Matter to him in one Respect at least. I wished him to be attached by Inclination to you & your house, & thought that Matters were in a fair Way to that End, till the Change in your Residence took place. At the same time I am sensible that the Suggestions of Somerset & his Situation with Mr. Dobson made very ill Impressions, & excited Complaints & Uneasiness. My Son erroneously supposed that he was distinguished from others whom you em-

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ployed, on account of your not having made a formal Bargain with him. I told him that this Circumstance indeed made a Distinction, but that the Effect of it ought to be, that both Parties ought to behave with Confidence, friendship & Generosity to each other, that neither of them

might have Cause to regret the Want of a formal Agreement. But you know how apt young People are to justify themselves, & to lay the Blame on others. I have talked with him seriously on this head, but with very little Effect, as young People now a days begin very early to think themselves wiser than their Parents, especially when their Whims are encouraged by their Companions. I believe that all my Son's Complaints of his Treatment would not have led him to come away, nor even to have any thoughts of it, had it not been for the insidious Suggestions of Somerset, who perhaps from Motives of Attachment, Country or Similarity of Inclinations, seems to have wished to carry him off along with him. What he mentioned with Regard to the Nature of your Business, as having lately run mostly into the Stationary Line, I thought not of much Importance, tho' it seemed specious at first, & was no doubt suggested by some of his Companions, but altho' I had thought it of as much Importance as he seemed to do, I would not have wished him to make any Alteration in his Situation without your Knowledge Advice and Concurrence, & would have wish'd it might seem to be your Act & not his. I readily allow that you have not acted from lucrative Motives in this Affair, as from the Beginning I declared my Willingness to subscribe to any Agreement which you thought reasonable, providing that I was able to perform it. What Alteration the Assumption of two Partners may make in your Affairs, with Respect to those People that you may chuse to employ, or the Nature of your Business in general, it is impossible for me to say, but as I am sure that he made no Agreement with them, direct or in-direct, a new Arrangement would I think have been necessary at any Rate. And such a one, I think, might still be made, if he could be brought to a proper Sense of his Interest. I have often told him that it is the worst thing in the World for a young Man, when he breaks his first Connections, as the like will naturally be expected in all those that he may form afterwards, & that the Acquisition of a Habit of Industry, & of the Knowledge of Business & Mankind, is of more Consequence to a young Man than all the Luxuries & Indulgences that he can enjoy in the mean time. But what avails Speaking to those who think themselves wiser than the Speaker? I wish'd him to have you for his friend, even when he was no longer in your Employment, & hope that something of this may yet take place, notwithstanding what has happened, which you justly ascribe to foreign Influence. I am glad that you say that it will make no Alteration in your friendship to me, & I am so far from complaining, that if I had

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another Son fit for the Business, I would ask it as a favour that you would take him under your Care, only perhaps I would wish to have him bound by a formal written Agreement. I send you this by Mr. Addison, with two Letters for Great Britain & one for Jamaica, which I beg you to take the trouble of forwarding by first Opportunity. I send you likeways a valuable Pamphlet, translated from the Low Dutch, on the Divinity of Christ, which, if you please, I think you ought to republish. It would be an excellent Antidote to the Poison of Priestley's Doctrines, with which many begin to be infected. Dr. Erskine sent me five Copies, to give away, I sent one of them to Mr. Anderson by Mr. Imrie. I could get it republished in this Place, but that is too small a Circle for so valuable & necessary a Publication. At the same time I am persuaded that it would sell at present, if republished in Philadelphia. I have seldom seen so much solid Argument, & such pertinent Applications of the Scriptures, comprised in so small a Space. I persuade myself that you will like it on Perusal, unless the disagreeable Light in which the Person who sends it, must stand with you at present, should give you a worse Opinion of it. If you should not think it advisable to republish it, I have reserved another Copy, to send to New York, & so request my

Friend Mr. Miller to endeavour to get it republished in that City. It is but little that we can do for the Service of God & Religion in this degenerate Age, but we ought not to grudge the little that is in our Power. My Difficulties are many, & the low State to which they reduce my Mind renders me very unfit for Action of almost any kind, but I have no Person to whom I can freely communicate my thoughts. I need the Pity & Prayers of God's People. While the Enemy is coming in like a flood, it is Pity that there are so few to stand in the Gap, or to pray that the Spirit of the Lord may raise up a Standard against them. The Concurrence of private & public Distresses oppress my Mind more than I can express. I am, with Esteem,

Dear Sir, Your very humble Servant

Chas. Nisbet.

Dear Sir, Carlifle, 15th Sept." 1796. I was long to hear latery, that you had been affiched with a bilious lover, the the fame deller mentioned that you were in the Way of Recovery . I have heard very oppolite account of the Wealth of your Chizens, as force affirm that they are uncommonly healthy. while others affirm that bad leven nowail of pecially in the Skirts of The City you know I am not very fond of obbruding Advice in any body, but I have Jome Supricion that the Situation of your Country Monte among Brick Pitt & Handing Wales has been her ful to your health. I had a Supprision of this third the lift lime that I law it, & would be long to have my Sufficion confirmed by the Sickness of any other of your family. I thought that the Situation of your house in the City was much more healthy than that of your country house. I ask Parden for this Observation, the' I could not avoid making it at the time. I have accidentally discovered that Somervel was not the Perfers who turned my Son's head, by Juggesting the tookith Oroject of going to the East Indies. But forme other Perfor must have done it, whom I can not discoun & il Jean, to have taken very deep Root, as it from not to be yet quite out of his head. the I have given him to underfland that I will give him no support or Encouragement in it. We must all have our high & Sorrows in the World, the mine have arisen from very unexpected Causes, but we have no Choice in our briefs, & ought to bear whatever God lands us. I am often lampted to afk why it is there will me, & to imagine that I could have borne other Irials beller, but all Juch Imaginations are finful. I find it better to compare my Irials with those of many worthy thritians & Saint of God, & then I am athamed to complain of them. But it is hard after all, to get the Back filled to the Burlen. I have observed with Olea. Jure that you are republishing Bithon Wallow's Answer to Thomas Paine, the I think it is les mild a Reply to to fouritous a Writer. And I hope that Ocher Porcupine will get take it in hand, when he is done with dispatching his prefent Advertaries. And this I hope will give him little bouble, & rather promate his Interest, by enabling him to let his Answers. I have read the Impoter deleded, of think it is a very weak Performance, & I am low that the other Writings against him are rather weaker, if notible. Long & Uffic have pro i poled to publish Mir. Habyburton's Work against the Deith by Subscription. But I find, I am wrong I mean that they have published Dr. Sibbes's meditations, a most expelul & excellent Work. I believe it is Mr. Maggan who has proposed to publish Haly burton.

many in this slace have subscribed for it, & I have joined my Subscription to the rett. I with I could promote a Subscription among all the Proschon of Christianity in this Country, I mean not to ask any of their Money, but merely that they would resolve

never to beflow one farthing on any Infild Sublication. We complain of the Growth of Infidelity, and at the fame time we contribute largely to it, by encouraging the Oubli. calion of Infilet ticks & Campblets. If the Vale of Paine', Campblets for Inflance, had been contined to prolep'd Infidelo, his Bookfellers would not have been encouraged to advertife a New Edition of them, in Mr. Bache is doing at profend. I would be glad if il were in mu Power to buy many more good Books than I do, & to encourage the Reperblication of good things that have been published abroad, but I will never give a fingle Shilling for an Infiel Oublication. And if others would agree in the fame Refo. tulion , which I think they might so tafely , the Public would not be petered with fo. many of the What that we lay of those Printers & Bookfellers who profes Christiani by, & at the Jame encourage the Jublication of the Works of its Enemies? The Trade of writing Books, in the Way that it is managed at prefent, is become a most dange. rous & permicious Manufacture. The Adverdary of Octer Porcupine is a profep'd Deill & I am apraid that the Encouragement that Paine's Pamphlets have met with a. mong us, will give us many Writers of the Jame Stamp. The Seurnility & Blaffhenry of Paine is tathtully copied by his Disciples. Our Democrates are last of Joy on the Successes of the French in Italy & Germany, the I do not hear that their Share of the Booky is yet arrived. They with to fee the French plunder all the World, America illelf not excepted. Het our Papers have never informed us of any Meeting of your Democrate Merchants being called, for writing a dollar of thanks to the French Directory , for the friendly & praternal Robic that they have been pleased to take of Americans, by capturing their Vellets in the Well Indies. They will no Doubt Mink that the French do them too much honour, in laying hold of their Oroper. by for the Support of the Cause of Liberty & Equality. But I am apraid that they will rather blame Mr. Jay, & the Treaty with Great Britain, for all the dopoes that they may fuffer from the Trench. Peace appears as yet to be as far diffant as ever. The it is Hill tabled of. The present French anarchy are containly averse to Peace, as it would overdurn their Power at once, & fot up a Military Asiflocra. cy in their Stead, but they dare not pay to to the People, who I believe are hearbily wearied of the War, & a fow Defects, well timed might bring their ar. mies into the Jame Predicament. Light may yet thine out of Parknets, altho we know not when , or by what means . The Divisions of France may be the Ordervation of Great Britain & America - Things will not always run on in

the same Direction. & the Democrates with power or later Swow one woother. For as Sin is a Principle of Divilion & Enmily. The Union of wil Doen can at most be but temporary of accidental. Different Parties have observed peround each other in Su reprior, & the Party that is now in Coner declares that it is already forfible of a Reaction. your Democrates are no doubt convinced by Paine's last Pampbeld, that the finances of Great Britain are per. feelly whanked, I that Mr. Pill can not command a fingle quinea. Het I afferve by your Papers, & by the Wiles against Percupine, that he bestown Millions on the exclusive Palriols of France, & maintains a wall Rumber of agents in this Country, that he page Ocher Porcupine's Shop Rent, & has purchasted a Slock in Trade for thin. Now altho' most of your Democrates are Infidely, I think they can not be lowly taid to be Unbelievers, as they nother the Jalent of believing Contradictions. Our arm. baffador at Paris, the a zealous Democrate, does not feem to give Contest to the French Directory. I hope Mr. Randolph will be fent in his Place, which will give him an Opportunity of Letting accomple with Mr. Fauchet, & procuring some In units cation to the Flour Merchants who extended themselves to muchin the Service of the public of the line of the Woftern Internation. Mr. Monro has perhaps adventured to complain of the Conduct of the French in fraterniting our Veffels, but the French will give him to understand that naffive-Obedience & Non-refissance are indipentable Qualities in a Requeblican. His Succeper must be laught Thursvilly, before he fels out to take Doffet. from of his Office. Mr. Oil has got thro' the Elections with honour, & has with added live more Members to bis Majority. The Democrate Can. didates I hear, were generally hiped. Grain is Mill cheaper in Europe, Man il is in America, which not only occasion speculation, but is supposed to be occasioned by Speculation. The Land yobbers have got a large field opened in the Weft, & the degistature are endeavouring to come in for a Dart of the Profits of the Tobling Trade. Mullotudes are expected to flock to the New Stellements, which will depopulate memy of the Central Parts of the State, as none have any People to pare. I give you the brouble of Three fereign Letters, one of them for a noar Widow in this Heigh. bourhood, & one for Mr. Marshal. I hope you received my taft by Mr. Mc Allother We are in ordinary Mealth, but my Wife is Mill lander. I am, with Effect, Dear Sir, your very humble Servan Cha. Nisbel.

Carlisle, 15th Septr. 1796.

Dear Sir,

I was sorry to hear lately, that you had been afflicted with a bilious fever, tho' the same Letter mentioned that you were in the Way of Recovery. I have heard very opposite Accounts of the Health of your Citizens, as some affirm that they are uncommonly healthy, while others affirm that bad fevers prevail, especially in the Skirts of the City. You know I am not very fond of obtruding Advice on any body, but I have some Suspicions that the Situation of your Country house among Brick Pits & standing Waters has been hurtful to your health. I had a Suspicion of this Kind the first time that I saw it, & would be sorry to have my Suspicion confirmed by the Sickness of any other of your family. I thought that the Situation of your house in the City was much more healthy than that of your Country house. I ask Pardon for this Observation, tho' I could not avoid making it at the time. I have accidentally discovered that Somerset was not the Person who turned my Son's head, by suggesting the foolish Project of going to the East Indies. But some other Person must have done it, whom I can not discover & it seems to have taken very deep Root, as it seems not to be yet quite out of his head, tho' I have given him to understand that I will give him no Support or Encouragement in it. We must all have our trials & Sorrows in the World, tho' mine have arisen from very unexpected Causes, but we have no Choice in our trials, & ought to bear whatever God sends us. I am often tempted to ask why it is thus with me, & to imagine that I could have borne other Trials better, but all such Imaginations are sinful. I find it better to compare my Trials with those of many worthy Christians & Saints of God, & then I am ashamed to complain of them. But it is hard after all, to get the Back fitted to the Burden. I have observed with Pleasure that you are republishing Bishop Watson's Answer to Thomas Paine, tho' I think it is too mild a Reply to so scurrilous a Writer. And I hope that Peter Porcupine will yet take it in hand, when he is done with dispatching his present Adversaries. And this I hope will give him little trouble, & rather promote his Interest, by enabling him to sell his Answers. I have read the Imposter detected, & think it is a very weak Performance, & I am told that the other Writings against him are rather weaker, if possible. Lang & Ullic have proposed to publish Mr. Halyburton's Work against the Deists by Subscription. But I find I am wrong. I mean that they have published Dr. Sibbes's Meditations, a most useful & excellent Work. I believe it is Mr. Hoggan who has proposed to publish Halyburton. Many in this Place have subscribed for it, & I have joined my Subscription to the rest. I wish I could promote a Subscription among all the Professors of Christianity in this Country. I mean not to ask any of their Money, but merely that they would resolve

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never to bestow one farthing on any Infidel Publication. We complain of the Growth of Infidelity, and at the same time we contribute largely to it, by encouraging the Publication of Infidel Books & Pamphlets. If the Sale of Paine's Pamphlets for Instance, had been confined to profess'd Infidels, his Booksellers would not have been encouraged to advertise a New Edition of them, as Mr. Bache is doing at present. I would be glad if it were in my Power to buy many more good Books than I do, & to encourage the Republication of good things that have been published abroad, but I will never give a single Shilling for an Infidel Publication. And if others would agree in the same Resolutions which I think they might do safely, the Public would not be

pestered with so many of them. What shall we say of those Printers & Booksellers who profess Christianity, & at the same encourage the Publication of the Works of its Enemies? The Trade of writing Books, in the Way that it is managed at present, is become a most dangerous & pernicious Manufacture. The Adversary of Peter Porcupine is a profess'd Deist & I am afraid that the Encouragement that Paine's Pamphlets have met with among us, will give us many Writers of the same Stamp. The Scurrility & Blasphemy of Paine is faithfully copied by his Disciples. Our Democrat's are full of Joy on the Successes of the French in Italy & Germany, tho' I do not hear that their Share of the Booty is yet arrived. They wish to see the French plunder all the World, America itself not excepted. Yet our Papers have never informed us of any Meeting of your Democrate Merchants being called, for writing a Letter of thanks to the French Directory, for the friendly & fraternal Notice that they have been pleased to take of Americans, by capturing their Vessels in the West Indies. They will no Doubt think that the French do them too much honour, in laying hold of their Property for the Support of the Cause of Liberty & Equality. But I am afraid that they will rather blame Mr. Jay, & the Treaty with Great Britain, for all the Losses that they may suffer from the French. Peace appears as yet to be as far distant as ever, tho' it is still talked of. The present French Anarchy are certainly averse to Peace, as it would overturn their Power at once, & set up a Military Aristocracy in their Stead, but they dare not say so to the People, who I believe are heartily wearied of the War, & a few Defeats, well-timed, might bring their Armies into the same Predicament. Light may yet shine out of Darkness, altho' we know not when, or by what means. The Divisions of France may be the Preservation of Great Britain & America.

Things will not always run on in

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the same Direction, & the Democrates must sooner or later devour one another. For as Sin is a Principle of Division & Enmity, the Union of evil Doers can at most be but temporary & accidental. Different Parties have already devoured each other in Succession, & the Party that is now in Power declares that it is already sensible of a Reaction. Your Democrates are no doubt convinced by Paine's last Pamphlet, that the finances of Great Britain are perfectly exhausted, & that Mr. Pitt can not command a single Guinea. Yet I observe by your Papers, & by the Writers against Porcupine, that he bestows Millions on the exclusive Patriots of France, & maintains a vast Number of Agents in this Country, that he pays Peter Porcupine's Shop Rent, & has purchased a Stock in Trade for him. Now altho' most of your Democrates are Infidels, I think they can not be truly said to be Unbelievers, as they possess the Talent of believing Contradictions. Our Ambassador at Paris, tho' a zealous Democrate, does not seem to give Content to the French Directory. I hope Mr. Randolph will be sent in his Place, which will give him an Opportunity of Settling Accounts with Mr. Fauchet, & procuring some Indemnifications [?, word partly illegible] to the Flour Merchants who exerted themselves so much in the Service of the public at the time of the Western Insurrection. Mr. Monro has perhaps adventured to complain of the Conduct of the French in fraternizing our Vessels, but the French will give him to understand that passive Obedience & Non-resistance are indispensable Qualities in a Republican. His Successor must be taught Humility, before he sets out to take Possession of his Office. Mr. Pitt has got thro' the Elections with honour, & has even added five more Members to his Majority. The Democrate Candidates, I hear, were generally hissed. Grain is still cheaper in Europe, than it is in America, which not only occasions Speculation, but is supposed to be

occasioned by Speculation. The Land Jobbers have got a large field opened in the West, & the Legislature are endeavouring to come in for a Part of the Profits of the Jobbing Trade. Multitudes are expected to flock to the New Settlements, which will depopulate many of the Central Parts of the State, as none have any People to spare. I give you the trouble of Three foreign Letters, one of them for a poor Widow in this Neighbourhood, & one for Mr. Marshal. I hope you received my last by Mr. McAllister. We are in ordinary Health, but my Wife is still tender. I am, with Esteem,

Dear Sir, Your very humble Servant,

Chas. Nisbet.

Dear Sir,

I know not whether my Application with Regard to my Son is in the Way of ending or not I I had given him to underfland positively that I would give no Encouragement to his Design of going to the East Sordies. when the received a Letter from Somervel his old Companion. Telling him of two Places What were then vacant, one in Mr. Rice's Slove, & another in Mr. Dobjon's, lelling him that he had Mr. Dobjon', allowance to write him, & urging him to come down immediately without loting time, but as he had written to Mr. Jurnbull. I poppose, in view of going abroad, he wailed low Necks for an Anpoer, when we heard that Mr. Jum. bull was dangerously it of a lover. This Letter was dated the 16th Sept. " I we have not heard of him pince. I fear to hear bad account of Mr. Jumbull, a that my Son has loft both the Places that were mentioned to him by his Delay. Whether this is to or not, I can not tell. I am in to deep Application & Anxiety, that I can write no purther. I am, with Effects,

Dear Sir.

your very hour ble Servant Cha. Nisbel.

Carlisle, 1st October, 1796.

Dear Sir,

I know not whether my Affliction with Regard to my Son is in the Way of ending or not. I had given him to understand positively that I would give no Encouragement to his Design of going to the East Indies, when He received a Letter from Somerset his old Companion, telling him of two Places that were then vacant, one in Mr. Rice's Store, & another in Mr. Dobson's, telling him that he had Mr. Dobson's Allowance to write him, & urging him to come down immediately without losing time, but as he had written to Mr. Turnbull, I suppose, in view of going abroad, he waited two Weeks for an Answer, when we heard that Mr. Turnbull was dangerously ill of a fever. This Letter was dated the 16th Septr. & we have not heard of him since. I fear to hear bad Accounts of Mr. Turnbull, & that my Son has lost both the Places that were mentioned to him by his Delay. Whether this is so or not, I can not tell. I am in so deep Affliction & Anxiety, that I can write no further. I am, with Esteem,

Dear Sir, Your very humble Servant

Chas. Nisbet

Dear Sir,

I was pavoured with your of the 18th March only yesterday, it it seems that you wor not at hime informed of the unsucceptul Alternal of the Trench upon Ireland, which is now put beyond a Doubl, the we are not yet informed of all its confequences. I know of Lord Malmestry's Difmittion , long before he fet out in his Journey to Paris , the 'I think it is happy for Great Britain that he was difmiffed, as I think that nothing could be more fatal to Britain. nor to the World in general than a Ocace with France in its prefer overgrown State. you are in a great Millake when you imagine that I am at the head of the nopular Party here, for al. the it is true that Peter Porcupine's Orinciples are more Javoured here than of tale, & that his Paper has found forme Subferibers, yet your humble Servant nos never les populars nor more infulled & abufed by the Seven of Ireland thou at prefent. This Seminary is weak but forme of those concerned in it would wish that it were this weaker, in order to lay the Blame on me, & to perpeade the Public that Pasents were apprehensive of fending their Children here, left they thould not be laught the buc Binciples of Svench Republicanifm. The French Jean to be gaining new friends among nor line their late Succepes in Staty, interest of loping any of their old ones, altho for a fhost time the principal Danoerat here were rather filent. I am greatly apaid of the Meeting of Congreso because altho' Citizen Adel has no Commit. lion as an Anstaffador. I luped that he does not want Money, it that he may be very liberal to the Members of Congriso, as he has Mr. Teflerfor for his Agent in the Senate, & Citizen Gallatin & many others in the House of Representatives. I hear likewife that some Members of Congress one Contractors for supply ing the Franch Settlements, & thefe or Doubt will be very impartial Judger in the Quarrel believed -France of this Country, by being equally interested on both Sides. Every thing is now in the profest Age, otherwise Cilizen Add, when exauctorated as an Ambaffador, would never have been permitted to remain in the Country as an Enemy, & the Mead of a difaffected Party. Our Government is im. mentely weak; otherwise it would neither have permitted his stay, nor allared land . Barney to be interlained & healed with Coremony as a Friend, when be boatled that he had orders to take our Ships. By the Speech of the Directory to Mr. Monroe, it is arident that the French preland to be Hill friends to the People of ancerica. The Enemies to its Government, of I suppose that litizen add has thill a Commission as Ambassador to the Royale, the has no Inter. correcte with the Officers of Male. We were all purpoised on Monday last, to find that when the Mail arrived, none of Porcupine's Papers were brought to this Place. It is thought that he is either effathinated by some of the agents of the terrible Mation, or that his House is burnt down, or that the dovercion People, at the Infligation of Olizon adel, have forzed all his Paper at the Pop Office. We wait with Impalience for the Arrival of the next Mail in order to got force Account of this Hrange Event. I confep I fear the worst, a if he is murdered, I fear that the Attaffin would not be punished. Indeed if any thing thould before Chizen Add , or any French Republican, the Governor in Octor, allowed by Mr. Dallas , would make Arid Scarch for the Murderers, but I have no Sufficien that he would be very active in apprehending the Allaffins of Octor Dereupine. Our Democtates rejoice

at the Extinction of Porcupine's Gazette & hope that he is killed, & that they will never more be broubled with him. At the fame they hint that he had deferved Death, as his Publications had a len. dency to irritate the French. I hear that the Mumber of Subjection was doily increasing in fundry Oarh of the Country, but what will all this avail, if the poor Man has fallen a Sacrifice to the Rage of the terrible Ration? - I think that the divice you gave to the forment was a good one. His Sermons may do more good here than be cereli caped to do himself. We hear of no Enigrants from Ireland this Scaper, & the reforming Interest in Belfatt, appears to be very low, even according to the account of Citizen Sampon, & by the Proclamation of the Lord Sicularant extends only to a few Parithes. I had a Letter from a Friend in Scotland, doled 8th Dec. last in which he in lorner me that altho the Jaxes are high on account of the War, yet by the flowersthing State of Trade of Manufactures, the People are more able to pay their prefent high James, there they were when the James were much lower. My lears for this lountry are this great, chiefly on account of the wifible & daily Decline of Religion, the our outward Circumpaness are liberrife threaten. ing, I our Soffly depends more on the Wijdom of other Ration than on ourfelves . May if we are freed at all from our prefent Inticction to the French , it must be against our Will. Al the Meeting of longuis I am afraid that no Member with be hardy enough to propose that we thould refil the Brench Tynedations on our Trade by making an attionce , offen. five & defensive, with Great Britain, & altho ' this thould be proposed, I do not imagine that Mr. Pill would be in any great Hafte to accept of it. The English, you may be fore, are prodigiously diverted at feeing the Americans plundened, infulled & abufet by their dear friends of Brethren the French, whom they have to long worthipped, whose Incestes -They have to highly celebrated, it in whose favoure they have expressed the most virulent Ennily against Great Britain. The English will think that it is now their Jun , to rejoice at the Succepes of the Brench, when they are obtained at the Expense of the amori. cans! Hence any did they give us will be but feeble & transfient, & will come rather tale as they will think it just that we thould leave by forme more Experience, what Sart of Friends of Allies the French are, before they give us any affiftance against them. So far indeed as this Country can be provincable to the British Popposions & Acquiptions in the Nepl Indies, they will protect its Trade, but no further; & the Ennity that many of our Clisens have expreped, against England, will abundantly justily such a Conduct. Kay il is possible that on our first application to Mr. Oil, he may tell us that we ought to apply to the French Republic, whole Interests we have to long preferred not only to those of England, but to our own. Or he may tell us that the present application comes only from the Government, but that the People are 14th on the Side of the French and if either Citizen Dallas or Citizen Swannick corresponds with Mr. Pitt. they would certainly affece him that this is the lafe. But whatever be in this, Dease feems as yet to be at a great Diffance. The Succepter of the Trunch in Italy, however magnified by themselves of their briends, will leave their affairs in that Country just where they were. He had affected the Directory long ago, that the Battle of arcole had decided

the tale of Italy & yet we find that it needed to be decided over again so left than five times. Tince that Battle. And I Suppose that at prefent the French army in Italy is at least as weak if not weaker than that of the Emperor, as appears by their fending their Osifoners to Grenoble whereas if they thought that their Dower was great in Italy, way if they did not Suspect that they would be soon released by their Countrymen. If they remained in Staly, they would never have thought of fending them out of it. I thould be very glad to hear that our old acquainlance the Cope, who is now to appear at the Head of his army had , with the Alliplance of General Wurmfor, attacked the Kemains of Buana parle's victorious army, & cut them in Pieces or taken them Orijoners, the I am afraid that fuch Rews would not be agrecable to our good Friend Mr Marthal who has an egger Defrie of feeing the Pope at Philadelphia. It Jeems now likewife to be past a Doubt that Mr. Pinkney has not been recoived by the French Directory tho' if he had been received , I think he would have had so little Succep as word Malmestury. I hope that the Dunkirk Expedition against England will be a unfrecepful as that of Gen. Hoche against Ireland. If Guadaloupe thould be taken by the English, as has been already reported, our Lopes by French Privateers would be much diminip ed. but the English are to cager to catch Spanish Veffels laden with Tollars. That they in a great Measure neglect the French, which is a dop to us. How long a just of holy God may premit the World to be defolated by the fire of diverty & Equality, can not be fore. from with any Degree of Probability, but as the Causes of his Wrath Mill Julish, we have Reafon to dread that more Judgments are Mill approaching. Indeed if the new Emperor of Ruffia Mould heartily join in the Confederacy against France, the Princes of Germany might be anahoned out of their dethargy, & Italy. Holland & Flanden, may once more recover their diberty, & England may no longer left to Hand alone against the Enemies of God & Mankind . Befides the prefent French Govern. ment appears to be as dyrannical & odions to their Ocople as any of the former, drohen they are no longer amufed with the Henry of Victories, they may rife against their Tyrants, dec. Hore formelling like their former Government. I am glad to hear that Mr. Adams meets with no Enemies , but he has a licklish game to play, & will not be long till be find the Opposition of the memores Parlifons of France in this Country. I propose that his greatest Foco with be those of his own Houghold, as it from to be the general Plan of the French to divide every Country against it fell. Insurrection in most of the States are to be dreaded, in less any Refishance is propoled to be made, against the Depredations of the French Republic, & numerous Bank. rupleies must be produced, by the Capture of to many of our Ships. I have hopes of feeing you during our Vacation in May next, the' cortain Greunstances or Proceedings of the pressign People , may render it impracticable. Oleafe prefent my Compliments to your worthy Part. ner Mr Mills. I remain, with unfeigned Ellern,

Dear Sir. your very humble Servant. Cha. Nisbel. Carlisle, 5th April, 1797.

Dear Sir,

I was favoured with yours of the 18th March only yesterday, & it seems that you were not at that time informed of the unsuccessful Attempt of the French upon Ireland, which is now put beyond a Doubt, tho' we are not yet informed of all its Consequences. I know of Lord Malmesbury's Dismission, long before he set out in his Journey to Paris, tho' I think it is happy for Great Britain that he was dismissed, as I think that nothing could be more fatal to Britain, nor to the World in general than a Peace with France in its present overgrown State. You are in a great Mistake when you imagine that I am at the head of the popular Party here, for altho' it is true that Peter Porcupine's Principles are more favoured here than of late, & that his Paper has found some Subscribers, yet your humble Servant was never less popular, nor more insulted & abused by the Scum of Ireland than at present. This Seminary is weak but some of those concerned in it would wish that it were still weaker, in order to lay the Blame on me, & to persuade the Public that Parents were apprehensive of sending their Children here, lest they should not be taught the true Principles of French Republicanism. The French seem to be gaining new friends among us since their late Successes in Italy, instead of losing any of their old ones, altho' for a short time the principal Democrats here were rather silent. I am greatly afraid of the Meeting of Congress, because altho' Citizen Adel has no Commission as an Ambassador, I suspect that he does not want Money, & that he may be very liberal to the Members of Congress, as he has Mr. Jefferson for his Agent in the Senate, & Citizen Gallatin & many others in the House of Representatives. I hear likewise that some Members of Congress are Contractors for supplying the French Settlements, & these no Doubt will be very impartial Judges in the Quarrel betwixt France & this Country, by being equally interested on both Sides. Every thing is now in the present Age, otherwise Citizen Adel, when exauctorated as an Ambassador, would never have been permitted to remain in the Country as an Enemy, & the head of a disaffected Party. Our Government is immensely weak, otherwise it would neither have permitted his Stay, nor allowed Capt. Barney to be entertained & treated with Ceremony as a Friend, when he boasted that he had Orders to take our Ships. By the Speech of the Directory to Mr. Monroe, it is evident that the French pretend to be still friends to the People of America, tho' Enemies to its Government, & I suppose that Citizen Adel has still a Commission as Ambassador to the People, tho' he has no Intercourse with the Officers of State. We were all surprised on Monday last, to find that when the Mail arrived, none of Porcupine's Papers were brought to this Place. It is thought that he is either assassinated by some of the Agents of the terrible Nation, or that his House is burnt down, or that the Sovereign People, at the Instigation of Citizen Adel, have seized all his Papers at the Post Office. We wait with Impatience for the Arrival of the next Mail in order to get some Account of this strange Event. I confess I fear the worst, & if he is murdered I fear that the Assassin would not be punished. Indeed if any thing should befal Citizen Adel, or any French Republican, the Governor in Person, attended by Mr. Dallas, would make strict Search for the Murderers, but I have no Suspicion that he would be very active in apprehending the Assassins of Peter Porcupine. Our Democrats rejoice

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at the Extinction of Porcupine's Gazette, & hope that he is killed, & that they will never more be troubled with him. At the same time they hint that he had deserved Death, as his Publications had a tendency to irritate the French. I hear that the Number of Subscribers was daily increasing in sundry Parts of the Country, but what will all this avail, if the poor Man has fallen a Sacrifice to the Rage of the terrible Nation? I think that the Advice you gave to Mr. Jarment was a good one. His Sermons may do more Good here than he could expect to do himself. We hear of no Emigrants from Ireland this Season, & the reforming Interest in Belfast, appears to be very low, even according to the Account of Citizen Samson, & by the Proclamation of the Lord Lieutenant extends only to a few Parishes. I had a Letter from a Friend in Scotland, dated 8th Decr. last in which he informs me that altho' the Taxes are high on Account of the War, yet by the flourishing State of Trade & Manufactures, the People are more able to pay their present high Taxes, than they were when the Taxes were much lower. My fears for this Country are still great, chiefly on Account of the visible & daily Decline of Religion, tho' our outward Circumstances are likewise threatening, & our Safety depends more on the Wisdom of other Nations than on ourselves. Nay if we are freed at all from our present Subjection to the French, it must be against our Will. At the Meeting of Congress I am afraid that no Member will be hardy enough to propose that we should resist the French Depredations on our Trade by making an Alliance, offensive & defensive, with Great Britain, & altho' this should be proposed, I do not imagine that Mr. Pitt would be in any great Haste to accept of it. The English, you may be sure are prodigiously diverted at seeing the Americans plundered, insulted & abused by their dear friends & Brethren the French, whom they have so long worshipped, whose Successes they have so highly celebrated, & in whose favours they have expressed the most virulent Enmity against Great Britain. The English will think that it is now their Turn, to rejoice at the Successes of the French, when they are obtained at the Expence of the Americans. Hence any Aid they give us, will be but feeble & transient, & will come rather late as they will think it just that we should learn by some more Experience, what Sort of Friends & Allies the French are, before they give us any Assistance against them. So far indeed as this Country can be serviceable to the British Possessions & Acquisitions in the West Indies, they will protect its Trade, but no further; & the Enmity that many of our Citizens have expressed, against England, will abundantly justify such a Conduct. Nay it is possible that on our first Application to Mr. Pitt, he may tell us that we ought to apply to the French Republic, whose Interests we have so long preferred not only to those of England, but to our own. Or he may tell us that the present Application comes only from the Government, but that the People are still on the Side of the French. And if either Citizen Dallas or Citizen Swanwick corresponds with Mr. Pitt, they would certainly assure him that this is the Case. But whatever be in this, Peace seems as yet to be at a great Distance. The Successes of the French in Italy, however magnified by themselves & their friends, will leave their Affairs in that Country just where they were. He had assured the Directory long ago, that the Battle of Arcole had decided

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the fate of Italy, & yet we find that it needed to be decided over again no less than five times, since that Battle. And I suppose that at present the French Army in Italy is at least as weak, if not weaker than that of the Emperor, as appears by their sending their Prisoners to Grenoble, whereas if they thought that their Power was great in Italy, nay if they did not suspect that they would be soon released by their Countrymen, if they remained in Italy, they would never have

thought of sending them out of it. I should be very glad to hear that our old Acquaintance the Pope, who is now to appear at the Head of his Army, had, with the Assistance of General Wurmser, attacked the Remains of Buanaparte's victorious Army, & cut them in Pieces or taken them Prisoners, tho' I am afraid that such News would not be agreeable to our good Friend Mr. Marshal, who has an eager Desire of seeing the Pope at Philadelphia. It seems now likewise to be past a Doubt that Mr. Pinckney has not been received by the French Directory, tho' if he had been received, I think he would have had as little Success as Lord Malmesbury. I hope that the Dunkirk Expedition against England will be as unsuccessful as that of Gen. Hoche against Ireland. If Guadaloupe should be taken by the English, as has been already reported, our Losses by French Privateers would be much diminished, but the English are so eager to catch Spanish Vessels laden with Dollars, that they in a great Measure neglect the French, which is a Loss to us. How long a just & holy God may permit the World to be desolated by the fire of Liberty & Equality, can not be foreseen with any Degree of Probability, but as the Causes of his Wrath still subsist, we have Reason to dread that more Judgments are still approaching. Indeed if the new Emperor of Russia should heartily join in the Confederacy against France, the Princes of Germany might be awakened out of their Lethargy, & Italy, Holland & Flanders, may once more recover their Liberty, & England may no longer left to stand alone against the Enemies of God & Mankind. Besides the present French Government appears to be as tyrannical & odious to their People as any of the former, & when they are no longer amused with the News of Victories, they may rise against their Tyrants, & restore something like their former Government. I am glad to hear that Mr. Adams meets with no Enemies, but he has a ticklish Game to play, & will not be long till he find the Opposition of the numerous Partisans of France in this Country. I suppose that his greatest Foes will be those of his own Household, as it seems to be the general Plan of the French to divide every Country against it self. Insurrections in most of the States are to be dreaded, in Case any Resistance is proposed to be made, against the Depredations of the French Republic, & numerous Bankruptcies must be produced, by the Capture of so many of our Ships. I have hopes of seeing you during our Vacation in May next, tho' certain Circumstances or Proceedings of the sovereign People, may render it impracticable. Please present my Compliments to your worthy Partner Mr. Mills. I remain, with unfeigned Esteem,

> Dear Sir, Your very humble Servant,

> > Chas. Nisbet

Carlifle, 11 th May, 1797. Dear dir, I was favoured with yours of the 29th april by Mr. Banks. I have learned from your City that my Answer to your of the 18th March had been delivered. Times With look black, & I am afraid that there will be much Contention at the approaching Meeting of Conqueto, & altho' the more moderate of the French Party may pro. pole conciliatory Measures, & Megaliations with the larrible Malion, when il shall be graciously pleased to admit them, get the stiff opposers of the late Treaty may propose to pal an End to our Sufferings in a Morter Nay, by declaring War against Great Britain, & pulling our felver under the Protection of the French Republic. Our accounts of al Vienna long ago, whose they wen he mall Righ of being melled

the affair of Holy are very object the it would feen that the Pope had purchased a Most Repute from the French, but he must so it again. I again, as long as he has a farthing to pay, I after all the French with pillage his Capital. The Silver Saints are probably all down by the ardent Devotion of the Emperor, whose prefent Cin. cumplances may probably difries him to prefer Silver Saints to all others except Golden ones. One would imagine that Buona parte among the other Requibilions that he had made from the Pape, had obtained from the Secret of Transubplantiation, as the French

accounts from Italy represent him as present in a great many -Places at once, Soundines in the Vallier of Tyrol, a next day in the Reighbourhood of Rome, & at the forme time on the Banks of the Oo. I pryrose that Dr. Prickley, who I hear, labely lest your City, will return to it at the Maching of Conquep need Week, to enlighten the Members, & dispose them to petrait with a good Grace to the In. Jults of the terrible Mation. Was it you, or our friend litizen Por. cupine, who gave Mr Jefferfor that Bone to great, that occasion ed to much Dipule in the Milopophical Society? What have they made of it at alongth? Is it the Pan of a Tigor, or of a Jans Culde? or of a Myana? Il may be doubled which of Mige is the most ravenous animal? I believe it will not be in the Power of all your Molles to lurs the Moles of the Bank of England into Conquel Money, or to got them exchanged for Morris & Mi. cholfon's Moles. and I luppose low of your Jobben have ever been lavoured with a sight of any them, to that they was only grent & quash their Teeth at them at a Tiplance. Mr. Swan. wick ought to apply to the French Republic rather than to his Codilors for Relief from his prefent Difficulties. I hope that the English by leizing Vern Cours, may cut their Way to the Mines of Mexico & Peru. & prevent the Wealth of

Unde Countries from numning into the Coffen of the Sans Culotes. as the same time by being Maken of Porto bello & New Orleans, they would prevent the French firm becoming our Reighbours on the Mifilippi. I have no Doubt that the Orgical of the Invalin of England will pured as well as it has some hitherto, but the Directory must do lumething to keep the People in Expedation. The low late Manyels at Invasion must have convinced the French that they can expect no affillance from their Friends in Great Britain, who are to great lowards that they dare not do any thing for them , lill a Peace is made, on which all their Mopes of mining their Country must depresed, which makes them clausous to budly for it. It is not in my Power to fee your City this Vacation. as I must happyly Dr. Davidon who at lends our general Afferbly. Our Man of the People has been convided of lorgery, which will render him more fit to reprefent them in the Legislature. I am with finese Effects.

Dear dir, your very humble Servant, Cha. Nisbel. Carlisle, 11th May, 1797.

Dear Sir,

I was favoured with yours of the 29th April by Mr. Banks, & have learned from your City that my Answer to yours of the 18th March had been delivered. Times still look black, & I am afraid that there will be much Contention at the approaching Meeting of Congress, & altho' the more moderate of the French Party may propose conciliatory Measures, & Negotiations with the terrible Nation, when it shall be graciously pleased to admit them, yet the stiff Opposers of the late Treaty may propose to put an End to our Sufferings in a shorter Way, by declaring War against Great Britain, & putting ourselves under the Protection of the French Republic. Our Accounts of the Affairs of Italy are very obscure tho' it would seem that the Pope had purchased a short Respite from the French, but he must do it again, & again, as long as he has a farthing to pay, & after all the French will pillage his Capital. The Silver Saints are probably all at Vienna long ago, where they run no small Risk of being melted down by the ardent Devotion of the Emperor, whose present Circumstances may probably dispose him to prefer Silver Saints to all others except Golden ones. One would imagine that Buona parte among the other Requisitions that he had made from the Pope, had obtained from him the Secret of Transubstantiation, as the French

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Accounts from Italy represent him as present in a great many Places at once. Sometimes in the Vallies of Tyrol, & next day in the Neighbourhood of Rome, & at the same time on the Banks of the Po. I suppose that Dr. Priestley, who I hear, lately left your City, will return to it at the Meeting of Congress next Week, to enlighten the Members, & dispose them to submit with a good Grace to the Insults of the terrible Nation. Was it you, or our friend Citizen Porcupine, who gave Mr. Jefferson that Bone to gnaw, that occasioned so much Dispute in the Philosophical Society? What have they made of it at Length? Is it the Paw of a Tiger, or of a Sans Culote? or of a Hyena? It may be doubted which of these is the most ravenous Animal. I believe it will not be in the Power of all your Jobbers to turn the Notes of the Bank of England into Congress Money, or to get them exchanged for Morris & Nicholson's Notes. And I suppose few of your Jobbers have ever been favoured with a Sight of any them, so that they can only growl & gnash their Teeth at them at a Distance. Mr. Swanwick ought to apply to the French Republic rather than to his Creditors, for Relief from his present Difficulties. I hope that the English by seizing Vera Cruz, may cut their Way to the Mines of Mexico & Peru, & prevent the Wealth of

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these Countries from running into the Coffers of the Sans Culotes. At the same time by being Masters of Porto bello & New Orleans, they would prevent the French from becoming our Neighbours on the Mississippi. I have no Doubt that the Project of the Invasion of England will succeed as well as it has done hitherto, but the Directory must do something to keep the People in Expectation. The two late Attempts at Invasion must have convinced the French that they can expect no Assistance from their Friends in Great Britain, who are so great Cowards that they dare not do any thing for them, till a Peace is made, on which all their Hopes of ruining their

Country must depend, which makes them clamour so loudly for it. It is not in my Power to see your City this Vacation, as I must supply Dr. Davidson who attends our general Assembly. Our Man of the People has been convicted of forgery, which will render him more fit to represent them in the Legislature. I am with sincere Esteem,

Dear Sir, Your very humble Servant,

Chas. Nisbet.

at prefent, is no more than may happen herafter, it might have happened after a Peace had been concluded, as well as before, I mult thow all the Matins of Europe have little Reliance May can have on any Treety with France in it republican Alade, as before the Preliminaries could be figured, it is propable that the whole Directory might be imprisoned for a prelunted Alot. It is wonderful that this does not occur to our Politicians. The Junier of War must continue to defolate Europe, & perhaps America also in part, for some since longer, how long indeed, it is impossible to conjecture. The Plan of the prefent Bules of France form to be to sid them poloces of Mir Generals i by felling up one against another . Buona Parte feems to be easyer to labricate Evidence against Pichegru, in order that he may be the Monarch, & Moreau, who is now also faid to be in Cuffody, was made a Tool for the fame Purpose. I suppose that all The Accupations against Vichegre & the other Orifoners are Jurged & that they will be affaffi nated on their Way to Cayenne, but there is no matter, they are quilly enough in other Refreels, the quilles of plotting in favour of Koyally. Guil & Innocence base long fince loft their Meaning among the French, but let them will whom they will, they need to in no fear of theirding innocent Blood, as long as they keep among them folices, as they are all Criminals. Perhaps Providence may weary them with their own Inventions I by hendry haden Bevolutions of this kind, make way for a Government that is til for the French Mation, & fafe for the Meighbouring Dowers to heat with, and pone that Barbarily in the Character of the French, which the Revolutions have to pully ma nifetted. it is wident that nothing there of a third to arbitrary Government is capable of preferring civil Order among hele a Rople. In hundry of my Prophecies concerning this Resolution, which I have communicated to my priends in Scotland, I have into: mated my Expectation that a General Monk would arise, who would have every thing the other Way, of I once thatight that Gon. Pichegre night be the Man as he was formerly a Franciscan Monk, But I find now that I was mistaken, but General Le Moine, who thuck the Blow by apprehending the pretended Motters now bier fairell for being feneral Mank (Moine Signifies Mank) who is to reflere the Hing of France at Juch a time as got that fee fit to seffer Peach to Europe. The Violences committed in the Days of Liberty. & the Kommerciation of Religion which How prom Revolutionary Principles, will afford wife Leffons for Intere ages, but I am afraid that the prefent age has more to fuffer how it darling Dod. rines . before it can be lensible of their Absurdity & Enerusity. Matters in Europe Jeemed to be drawing lowards a Crip's, & many were intoxicated with the Expeda. lions of a General Ocace. - All these Hupas are now vanished. - I got only knows for how long of lime. I was none of those that were decived by the Roynes of immediate Peace. I know that it was not the Interest of the Rules of France

to make Peace, & Merefer expected that they would prevent it by fome Means or other, the I could never have expected to great a Change in their administration, as has laken place at prefent. and the Suppreficer of to many hour Papers is fit to onen the Eyer of those who have any, & to give their just Holions of French diberty. But the dealing up of the Ariflocratical Preper on the famous 10 th of August, had no Effect of this Kind, which makes me lop farquine in my hopes than I otherwise would have been. Mankind are never enlightened but with Difficulty & against their Will, & May Anggle against the admission of elight, as long as they can. The French. Jado'en in Great Britain & America, inflead of being convinced of the Inflability I Weakness of the French Anarchy, by the Change which has now happened, may probably be more hardened in their Belief of its Stability, as the reigning Party for the line always pretend that diberty is some fully Malliflied, I the Plats of the Roy alish entirely defeated. This was the Declaration of Carnol , a few Weeks only before The late Explosion. And those who may preced the prefert Anarcho, may per. haps pretend to have Mablifled Liberty, when they have ordered the prefent Ma ragers to the finiloline, or to the Colonies. But as this Anarchy & Men. atherpro must of it fell come to an End in the little time, the Mittery Mal of it must be very infractive to Poplarity, & especially knot to experte 1 is to beat abfurd Motion, that a State may be kept in Court Order without abufa any Religion, which has baken Inch a throng how of the Conceil of the cabbling Politicians of this Country, the I fear we must fish have tome Convultions among surplues before we are entightened on this Head. The Ward of Principle indeed appears bufficiently in our hander lent Banhrupleies, our French Privaleus maine Jamerican Sailans, it owned by American Merchants, as well from the Originary of Bandalph & Me Flows at Morchants, & that Kind Machinent to the Interests of the terrible Republic in pre. forence to their own lowely that is openly prefixed by to many Messiles of Congrep. But it must produce forme thiking & talat Confequences, before it is taken Molice of by the Public. We might learn by the Experience of others, but I fear we will need to be laught by Brien & Thorns of the Willernop. We know that the Promises of god must be accomplished but we know not their lime. and we know that the Church will be preferred, but we know not in what Place. Het every enc ought to Prive that Religion may be maintained, if possible, in their we lountry. The Lord reigneth, - All Ball be well at last. I remain with Effects,

Dear Sir,

your very humble Servant Cha: "Nisbel.

Carlisle, Novr. 13th, 1797.

Dear Sir,

I was favoured with yours of the 1st curt. by Mr. Armstrong on Saturday last, & was sorry that I could only converse a little while with him & Mr. Fulton, they being in great haste, & having a long journey before them. I enter entirely into your Sentiments of the late awful Scourge. You do me only Justice in supposing that your suffering Fellow Citizens were present to my Mind. Indeed they were continually in my thoughts & Prayers, Night & Day. And I not only figured to myself their forsaken & suffering Condition, but dreaded continually to hear that the Infection was spreading in the Country, & brought to this Place, for I still consider it as an extraordinary Instance of the Goodness of God to this worthless Country, that neither in 1793, nor this Year did the Infection extend itself beyond the Limits of the City & Suburbs. I have seen in Brown's Paper the Causes of the proposed Fast by the Associate Presbytery of Pennsylvania. I think they are well stated and expressed, & hope that you will have the same favourable Opinion of those that are stated by our Synod at Lancaster. Indeed we are all wrong, & nothing can be so strong a Proof of this, as the extravagant Notions that we have of ourselves & our Country. I fear much, that when the Terrors of immediate Death are withdrawn, the late Stroke will be entirely forgotten, as was the Case in 1793. I am not surprised at the Differences of Opinion that have taken Place among your Physicians, & with Regard to the Abuse that is to be found in their Publications, I know no Laws that forbid Physicians to abuse one another, they having the same Rights as other Citizens, but I find that the Charge of abuse is confined by some to those who have adventured to call in question the System of the bloodthirsty Doctor, which I think is not fair. I observe with Pleasure the kindness of Providence to those who have supplied & nursed your suffering Neighbours, not without a Mixture of Wonder, that any of them escaped the Infection. The Meeting of Congress approaches, when Dr. Priestley will explain the Origin of the Disorder from Chymical & Natural Reasons, that none of the Members of the Philosophical Society at least, may imagine that God had any hand in it. The Troubles that attend our Trade are likely to continue, whatever Treatment the new Directory may see fit to give to our Ambassadors. Perhaps the terrible Republic may insist on our paying them the tithe, or some other Proportion, of our trading Vessels annually, as the Price of our Independence, & the Badge of our Subjection. And they may likeways insist on our rescinding the late Treaty with Great Britain & excluding all British Vessels from our Ports. But whatever Terms they impose will be uniformly supported by all the Democrates in both Houses of Congress, especially if the Directory shall be prevailed on to send over Citizen Adel, with a few Millions of Dollars, to conduct their Deliberations. The Prospect of Peace in Europe seems to be entirely vanished, by the Return of Lord Malmesbury, & the Dissolution of the Diplomatic Congress at Lisle. What has happened to the French Directory

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at present, is no more than may happen hereafter, & might have happened after a Peace had been concluded, as well as before, & must show all the Nations of Europe how little Reliance they can have on any Treaty with France in its republican state, as before the Preliminaries could be signed, it is probable that the whole Directory might be imprisoned for a pretended Plot. It is wonderful that this does not occur to our Politicians. The furies of War must continue to desolate

Europe, & perhaps America also in part, for some time longer, how long indeed? it is impossible to conjecture. The Plan of the present Rulers of France seems to be to rid themselves of their Generals, by setting up one against another. Buona Parte seems to be eager to fabricate Evidence against Pichegru, in order that he may be the Monarch, & Moreau, who is now also said to be in Custody, was made a Tool for the same Purpose. I suppose that all the Accusations against Pichegru & the other Prisoners are forged, & that they will be assassinated on their Way to Cayenne, but there is no matter, they are guilty enough in other Respects, tho' guiltless of plotting in favour of Royalty. Guilt & Innocence have long since lost their Meaning among the French, but let them kill whom they will, they need be in no fear of shedding innocent Blood, as long as they keep among themselves, as they are all Criminals. Perhaps Providence may weary them with their own Inventions & by sundry sudden Revolutions of this kind, make way for a Government that is fit for the French Nation, & safe for the Neighbouring Powers to treat with. And from that Barbarity in the Character of the French, which the Revolutions have so fully manifested, it is evident that nothing short of a strict & arbitrary Government is capable of preserving civil Order among such a People. In sundry of my Prophecies concerning this Revolution, which I have communicated to my friends in Scotland, I have intimated my Expectation that a General Monk would arise, who would turn everything the other Way, & I once thought that Gen. Pichegru might be the Man, as he was formerly a Franciscan Monk. But I find now that I was mistaken, but General LeMoine, who struck the Blow, by apprehending the pretended Plotters now bids fairest for being the General Monk (Moine Signifies Monk) who is to restore the King of France, at such a time as God shall see fit to restore Peace to Europe. The Violence committed in the Days of Liberty, & the Renunciation of Religion which flows from Revolutionary Principles, will afford wise Lessons for future Ages, but I am afraid that the present Age has more to suffer from its darling Doctrines, before it can be sensible of their Absurdity & Enormity. Matters in Europe seemed to be drawing towards a Crisis, & many were intoxicated with the Expectations of a General Peace. All these Hopes are now vanished, & God only knows for how long a time. I was none of those that were deceived by the Hopes of immediate Peace. I know that it was not the Interest of the Rulers of France

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to make Peace, & therefore expected that they would prevent it by some Means or other, tho' I could never have expected so great a Change in their Administration, as has taken place at present. And the Suppression of so many News Papers is fit to open the Eyes of those who have any, & to give them just Notions of French Liberty. But the Sealing up of the Aristocratical Presses on the famous 10th of August, had no Effect of this Kind, which makes me less sanguine in my hopes than I otherwise would have been. Mankind are never enlightened but with Difficulty & against their Will, & they struggle against the Admission of Light, as long as they can. The French Faction in Great Britain & America, instead of being convinced of the Instability & Weakness of the French Anarchy, by the Change which has now happened, may probably be more hardened in their Belief of its Stability, as the reigning Party for the time always pretend that Liberty is now fully established, & the Plots of the Royalists entirely defeated. This was the Declaration of Carnot, a few Weeks only before the late Explosion. And those who may succeed the present Anarchs, may perhaps pretend to have established Liberty, when they have ordered the present Managers to the Guillotine, or to the Colonies. But as this Anarchy & Atheism must of it self come to an End in a little time, the History of it must be very

instructive to Posterity, & especially tend to expose that absurd Notion, that a State may be kept in Civil Order without any Religion, which has taken such a strong hold of the Conceits of the cabbling Politicians of this Country, tho' I fear we must first have some Convulsions among ourselves before we are enlightened on this Head. The Want of Principle indeed appears sufficiently in our fraudulent Bankruptcies, our French Privateers mann'd with American Sailers, & owned by American Merchants, as well from the Perjury of Randolph & the Flour Merchants, & that blind Attachment to the Interests of the terrible Republic in preference to their own Country that is openly professed by so many Members of Congress. But it must produce some striking & fatal Consequences, before it is taken Notice of by the Public. We might learn by the Experience of others, but I fear we will need to be taught by Briars & Thorns of the Wilderness. We know that the Promises of God must be accomplished but we know not their time. And we know that the Church will be preserved, but we know not in what Place. Yet every one ought to strive that Religion may be maintained, if possible, in their own Country. The Lord reigneth. All shall be well at last. I remain with Esteem,

Dear Sir, Your very humble Servant

Chas. Nisbet.

I have now before me yours of anguil 3? The late angul Judgment of Heaven, & the emfequent Dispersion of your Colizon & those of Ben York, have long pre vanled me pour thinking of writing Letten. I hope that you & your family are with . the your Heroifun would not permit you to love the City. Our Bell is just now ringing for the accounts of the Defeat of Buona parte & his fleet in the Road of Alexandria, & the Capture of Mine 74 Gun Ships of the French Hed. Buona parte appears to be on his last Legs, having lost two thousand Men in his Mempel to land at Alexandria, A it is faid that his Transports are blocked up in the Rile, in great Want of Provisions, as well as his army. I hope that Providence is begin. ning to let bound, to the definitive French Republic, & had the Just will not be to fond of the barren Rame & Jue of Liberty, as to Juffer them to remain in their Country. Have you wailed in his Excellency Dr. Logan, late Ambabador to France from Mr. Tefferfor & Judge Mc Rean? Or have you congrabulated the Secretary of State for his humility in receiving like 300 Talleyrand', Letters from him, & permilling him to go quietly about his Bufinch, or rather the Bulinets of the Directory, in whose Service he is now engaged? Our Government most loon under ittell contemptible by not doing to anoth & by it Enemies. Mr. Tellerson & Tadge Mc Rean have been formally quilly of Wigh Tocuson, in fending an Ambassader to France, which by the Conflikation was not langue for any, except the Profident of the United States . Yet they are tuffered to go on in promoting the French Interest, having never denied their ligning of the Paffpols of Dr. Logan. the they have been publickly charged with it in the Mens Papers. The Timidity & Infentibility of our Government is attentiting, & augus that its Continuance must be very thort. The Revolutionith of France first incouraged the People to definite their Governon; next to infull them, I foun after to cut of their Heads, & the fame Oro. cets is fairly began in this Country, & tituly to be carried on . Mr. Barlow, whole Ofalons are dworthy lung in most of our Meetings has declared the Prefident to be out of his dearfer. of the Lyon of Verson out has published his Letter, for the Encouragement of his fellow Sans Culoles. Hel this Tool Barton is in the Service of the Miles States by Appointment of the Prefident & Senate, as American Confort at Algien. He was the Author of the pious Mymn to the Guilloline, which was jung with to much Solimnity at Mamburgh, at the Rejorcing there for the Conquett of Wolland by the French. I know not whether

our General Allombly have ordered this pious Osfermance to be paper on a blank deep of Walli's Ofalm, & Jung logether with Mr. Barton's other Performances, for The Existing lien of devout Orefbylerians. Mr. Lang, from Weflington County, is here of prefent. The has peffered much Vexahin from the Wildrich of his Ocople, & I have beard from others, that he was to leave them in the Spring, but it was too delicate Subject to mention to himself. In that the doverign Deople every where seem to be going mad, if one durit Jay to without being guilly of Migh Treason. Have you heard whether Mr. Tefferson has get called logether the Minority in longsof, to confull what is to be done with the Majority? I would not be suspired to hear in dix Necles hence , if the fame Jaments in Government continues. that the Prefident & those who adhere to him were thigged for Cayenne, or conduct. ed to the Gaol of Philadelphia, under a Guard of Felons, released from thence by the Sovereign People, with Mr. Jefferfon, or Indge Mc Hean, like another la Stayotte. at their Mead. Il would only be a Revolution, of the World is now accustomed to Kevolutions. The Governor & Mr. Dallas (I believe I thould have faid Mr. Dallas & the Governor) will no doubt be deeply applicated for the Defeat & Rowin of the French Flect. The Lop of to many Republican lilizen, & of nine Ships of the Line, must be very diffushing to them, especially as it may rebard the longuest of america by the French Republic, to which they look for. ward with devout Expedation. The Drought is to great in this Country, that the others of the Conewaga, a large beck in the Country of York, is laid to be totally dried, and the Farmen who live near it have top all their Hogo, being checked with the Bones of the Fifth deferted by the Water, which they gobbled up in hafte, Nuch Droughts are faid commonly to precise Earthquaker, the I do not remember whether the tale Earth quake that desolates Catabria & Meffina, or the later one that brightenest the Pope himself at diena, were preceded by a remarkable Drought. Great Complaints of the Scarcity of Money Will prevail, I wery necessary Articles Jells at a very high Price. United driftmen continue to arrive daily among us, who will be faithful Agents for France, by Hrongthoning it Interest among us. They have brought over great Bundles of Pamphlels & Bollads against their own Government, which they dif. bribate among their Country may here, to excite them to Infurredien against the

Government of this Country. The lowerdown of the Merchants in building & soming Vestels for the Protection of our Trade, has a Show of Spirit & Patriolitm, but it remains that Congres hould provide Money for the Pay of the Officer & Scances. The Members of the House of Representatives will be very unwithing to impose Jaxes, some of them for sear of Toling their Seats, & other for fear of dipleating the French. Mr. Gallatin's Eloquence & Influence will be Brongly exceled on this Occapion, & it is probable that Dr. Logan has brought over large dums of Money, to be diffributed among the Jans Culote Members of Congrep, in order to retain them in the Interests of the Torrible Republic. I have not yel Seen Mr. Wilberforce's Book, for the it was brought to Philadelphia in May last by Dr. Rogers, who gave me the detter that accompanied it, yet with a larelepnet buly American, he newer recollected that he has it in his Cuffoly, the I law him leveral Fines in Philadelphia. I would be obliged to you if you would alk Mr. Mazard whether Dr. Rogen left a Parcel directed to me in his Monfe; or carried il back with him to New York. If you thoulf, get the Parcel, you will be kind enough to give it to Mr. Jumbull, who will forward it to me by list opportunity, & I expect, thro' the lame Channel, to hear from you of your Welfare, & all the Menes of your great City. I have no det. long of tale from the Old Country, & was formy to read in the Papers, that the Adventure from Greenock was arrived at New York, but that no Letters, by this Veffel, have as yet rached me. The Rebellion in Ireland fecons to be not yet totally proposed, & forme of our Papers mention a lecond Landing of the French in the Bay of stige. But the as vanlages that have bun already gained by Government, & the confequent Depochies of The United Irifhmen, give us Reafon to hope that every Remain of Reddhin in that Country will los be Suppreped. We have hand both every Day for these three Weeks past, but we have had very little Rain hitherto. Hoping to hear loon of your Welfare & all the Transaction of your lapital, I remain, with finces Effect,

Dear dir, your very humble Servaul, Cha. "Nishel.

Carlisle, Novr. 23d 1798.

Dear Sir,

I have now before me yours of August 3d, The late awful Judgment of Heaven, & the Consequent Dispersion of your Citizens & those of New York, have long prevented me from thinking of writing Letters. I hope that you & your family are well, tho' your Heroism would not permit you to leave the City. Our Bell is just now ringing for the Accounts of the Defeat of Buona parte & his fleet in the Road of Alexandria, & the Capture of Nine 74 Gun Ships of the French Fleet. Buona parte appears to be on his last Legs, having lost two thousand Men in his Attempt to land at Alexandria, & it is said that his Transports are blocked up in the Nile, in great Want of Provisions, as well as his Army. I hope that Providence is beginning to set bounds to the destructive French Republic, & that the Turks will not be so fond of the barren Name & Tree of Liberty, as to suffer them to remain in their Country. Have you waited on his Excellency Dr. Logan, late Ambassador to France from Mr. Jefferson & Judge McKean? Or have you congratulated the Secretary of State for his humility in receiving Citizen Talleyrand's Letters from him, & permitting him to go quietly about his Business, or rather the Business of the Directory, in whose Service he is now engaged? Our Government must soon render itself contemptible by not daring to arrest & try its Enemies. Mr. Jefferson & Judge McKean have been formally guilty of High Treason, in sending an Ambassador to France, which by the Constitution was not lawful for any, except the President of the United States. Yet they are suffered to go on in promoting the French Interest, having never denied their signing of the Passports of Dr. Logan, tho' they have been publickly charged with it in the News Papers. The Timidity & Insensibility of our Government is astonishing, & augurs that its Continuance must be very short. The Revolutionists of France first encouraged the People to despise their Governors, next to insult them, & soon after to cut off their Heads, & the same Process is fairly begun in this Country, & likely to be carried on. Mr. Barlow, whose Psalms are devoutly sung in most of our Meetings has declared the President to be out of his Senses, & the Lyon of Vermont has published his Letter, for the Encouragement of his fellow Sans Culotes. Yet this Joel Barlow is in the Service of the United States by Appointment of the President & Senate, as American Consul at Algiers. He was the Author of the pious Hymn to the Guillotine, which was sung with so much Solemnity at Hamburgh, at the Rejoicings there for the Conquest of Holland by the French. I know not whether

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our General Assembly have ordered this pious Performance to be pasted on a blank Leaf of Wall's Psalms, & sung together with Mr. Barlow's other Performances, for the Edification of devout Presbyterians. Mr. Lang, from Washington County, is here at present. He has suffered much Vexation from the Wildness of his People, & I have heard from others, that he was to leave them in the Spring, but it was too delicate a Subject to mention to himself. In short the Sovereign People every where seem to be going mad, if one durst say so without being guilty of High Treason. Have you heard whether Mr. Jefferson has yet called together the Minority in Congress, to consult what is to be done with the Majority? I would not be surprised to hear in Six Weeks hence, if the same Tameness in Government continues, that the President & those who adhere to him were shipped for Cayenne, or conducted to the Gaol of Philadelphia, under a

Guard of Felons, released from thence by the Sovereign People, with Mr. Jefferson, or Judge McKean, like another La Fayette, at their Head. It would only be a Revolution, & the World is now accustomed to Revolutions. The Governor & Mr. Dallas (I believe I should have said Mr. Dallas & the Governor) will no doubt be deeply afflicted for the Defeat & Ruin of the French Fleet. The Loss of so many Republican Citizens, & of nine Ships of the Line, must be very distressing to them, especially as it may retard the Conquest of America by the French Republic, to which they look forward with devout Expectation. The Drought is so great in this Country, that the Stream of the Conewoga, a large Creek in the County of York, is said to be totally dried, and the Farmers who live near it have lost all their Hogs, being choked with the Bones of the Fish deserted by the Water, which they gobbled up in haste. Such Droughts are said commonly to precede Earthquakes, tho' I do not remember whether the late Earthquake that desolated Calabria & Messina, or the later one that frightened the Pope himself at Siena, were preceded by a remarkable Drought. Great Complaints of the Scarcity of Money still prevail, & every necessary Article sells at a very high Price. United Irishmen continue to arrive daily among us, who will be faithful Agents for France, by strengthening its Interest among us. They have brought over great Bundles of Pamphlets & Ballads against their own Government, which they distribute among their Countrymen here, to excite them to Insurrection against the

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Chas. Nisbet.

you lay me under manifold Obligations. Three days ago I was favoured with your of 19th & 21th January by the Jame Beaver. I enjoyed the Superiority of our Car like People over the Sans Culotes of Philadelphia. Il Jeens that your Bell made no Roife on Decation of Aim! Helfon's Victory. We have but one, & it rung feveral Muns in Sucception, I hope that the Fale of Buona parte will be very near what I had predicted, as our last account affirm that he is a miffing . A that diligent dearth was making for his Deston, which can not remain long undifferenced in Egypt. I hope that Providence has beque to bring down the Sans Culotes, after having exalled them for the Punishment of other quitty Rations. God can bring down those whom he had fet up, after the Purpose of his felling them up is accomplished. It forms that your Butinets is had, when Matthew Carry is giving it over. Yet it is possible that Matthews will not live to plentifully on the Productions of his Genius, if all offthem refemble his Plumb Pudding, as he has hitherto done on his Book Shop. Ochaps he expects a Sention from the Executive Di rectory of Inland, or how the Society of United Sithmen in your City, but I have not heard that the Funds of either are in a very plendid Condition, & as there is a Delicit of 105,000,000 in the French Funds, I think that he can not expect much Relief from that Quarter. Mr. Theobald Nolf Jone does not feen to have made a great fortune by his Revolutionary Alventures, & General Jandy has never obtained a lingle Victory. Your Democrates with be in great Dudgeon, when they hear that the American unbafador at London has had Orden to protest against the Impor lation of Irith Convict into the Jenitory of the United States. What a Rumber of good Cilizens might they have expected to have received, if Woff Jone & Holl, with their numerous Adherents had been permitted to join their Society? Bolany Bay is likely to not them of this Salisfactions unter the Kuffian & Danish Go. vernments that content to their being landed in Greenland, Decland, Nova -Zembla or Kampalha. Il Jems that the ambafailar Logan has neglected to call on you, but you ought to confider that his honourable Reception by the Directory, & the honoren that have been heaped on him fine his thehem, by the Grabilude of the Sovereign Seeple, must have completely lurned his Mead. I hope that this will leach you never to nut your Just in great Men. I have read the late Communications from France, with the Observations of the Seerelang of State, but I know not whether they will convince many of our li. lizars that the French have acted any otherwise to us than as friends or 13 no. thus. I was going to acknowledge the forward your Sending me a dikends of your Acquainlance Tallegrand, but on Recollection I find that it was no more than your Duly, after having prevented me from noticing the ~ Original, when we were walking along Markel Street, to dine with Mr. John Dunlop, & Thomas Leper, of democratic Memory. The French Papers,

I fee, have put Burna parte in Poplepion of Terufalem & Aleppa, without con. lidering the Diffance of these Places from Egypt. & one Paper put him in Poffepion of the Pertian Gulph. The Worlcher must lay formething to comfort their deluded Countrymen. I affure that if Talleyrand Mould change his Quarten , I would not conceal him, after being favoured with fuch an exact Libench of him. & that all his Bundles of Bibery, Corruption & Requilitions thould not hinder me from denouncing him to the decretary of Male, & getting him committed to fale Cuffody; the' I know well that I would thereby incur the heavy Dippleafure of his Excellency the Governor, Mr. Dallas , Judge Mc Kean, & many of your leading libigens. It is much to be wither for . That the prefent Government of France may be overlarned before the Christian Religion is entirely Jorgotten among them. A Generation of Baplands, educated in Albeign, would be a proching Spechaele, & definishing to the Morah & Safety of all Europe, if any thing can be conceived more defendive than the French are at prefent. But God's Nay, are not as our Nays nor his Thoughts like our Thoughts. His Way is in the Sea, & his Path in the mighty Water, where his polytops are not known. What Judgments are hanging over the World or how long the Mations are to be dashed against one another it is impossible to say. a great Roile, refembling the firing of Cannon & mall arms, often repeated, was heard time of at Shippensburgh on Thursday last the 31" January. I did not hear it, but Mr. Jake lells me that he heard it in his School, & many Perform in Min Hace and Reighbourhood heard it diffinely & for a confiderable line. Some fay that fuch a Noise was heard in the Bir. before the Revolutionary War, but other papage it to have been an Earthquake which is most probable, & some yours ago lundy Parts of the landy of Lancafter were alarmed with a Noise of this kind. you may be more confident of the Jouth of this. Than of the drying up of the great Conewaga of which I enemessely informed you in my last . The 'I hope Mr. Marshal look Care la undeceive you, but as false Reports have often some foundation, a small Creck about four Miles from this Olace was actually dried up at that Jime . I am afraid that the French are making Duper of our Government by their Diplomatic Skill, & that the Declaration of Independence by the Black go. vernment of St. Tomingo, is a mere Trick of Tallegrand, to induce our Cilizens la Juppart his Countrymen as Rebels, when he can no longer Jupport them as Citizens. But as they Shill cardinue to compluse American Deflets, I hope that the Orefident with not be for blind as to suffered the act intendicting Commerce in their Favour wen after being imposeered by lengues to do it. The would do better to order our Cruifers to prevent the difaffected Party

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Dear Sir.

your very humble Servant. Cha. Wisbet. Carlisle, 4th February, 1799.

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from trading to the French Islands at present, under Pretence of being driven thither by Stress of Weather, as we learn from our Papers. It is surprising that the Act against uncommissioned Ambassadors should have passed at a time when our Government is said to be treating with W. X. Y. Z. dispatched hither by Gen. Toussaint & Rigaud, from St. Domingo. Talleyrand's Method of treating by unknown Agents, seems to be coming into Fashion. Do you hear whether the President has appointed another W. X. Y. Z. to treat with the unknown Ambassadors of the new Republic of St. Domingo? Your Theatre was opened in the most popular Manner by a Ball in honour of the President. It seems the yellow Fever is already forgotten, tho' some say that it still exists in your City, & your friend Mr. Hazard writes me that he has taken Lodgings for his family in Germantown, in case of Necessity. I am afraid that your Citizens will never agree to tax themselves for bringing wholesom Water into the City, nor even to keep it clean. Those who have visited it lately, say that they never saw it so dirty. Have you heard what is the Object of the Liberty Poles that have been erected in sundry Villages in this State & that of New York? It is said that the People declare that they will pay no more Taxes, & as they are Sovereigns, you know that there can be no compelling them. The Resolutions of Virginia & Kentucky do not seem likely to be adopted by all the State Legislatures, tho' Mr. Blount will no doubt take Care that they be adopted by the State of Tenessee, & the spitting Lyon will probably procure them to be adopted by the State of Vermont, so that by this Means the French will have a quadruple

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