

Dear Sir

I rec<sup>d</sup> your letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> of January where-  
in you request that I should endeavor to ascertain  
the Sentiments of our County respecting the approach-  
ing Election for Presidents. I have seen many of  
them and declare your wish for information  
on the Subject and I find they all prefer Mr  
Jefferson to Mr Burr, except a few who think  
as you do, that if Jefferson is at the head of the  
Party who style themselves Republicans, that  
not the smallest Vestige of our Navy will re-  
main. They are also afraid that he will be defic-  
ient in firmness and perhaps that he may be  
dictated to by some violent men whom he may  
have to consult with our alternatives I must confess  
is dreadful under the Circumstances which  
you have stated - for if Jefferson is to destroy  
& do away with the support of our commercial  
intercourse we ought all to say that he is not  
a proper man & as to Burr his Character is  
so suspicious, that I find you doubt that  
Respectability which ought to be attached to a  
President of the United States; for certainly he  
ought to be a respectable as well as an independ-  
ent Character - and as he appears in this  
light I must say that he is not a proper  
Character - What will be the event of this



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business I can't pursue, being so far removed  
from the seat of information, but hope that  
the Act of you all may be such as to give  
peace to the Union and prosperity to all  
who are connected with us

I am Sir Respectfully

Yr. Hco. Obt. Servt

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From  
Thomas G. Page  
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President's Election  
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The Honorable

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