

satisfaction. But to avert the evil, or to meet it like men it is necessary under the present aspect of our Affairs to hold it in our hands, and be united in one band.

Your prayers, and kind wishes in my behalf, I reciprocate with great Cordiality

*To THOMAS LAW

Mount Vernon, October 24, 1798.

Dear Sir: Your letter of the 17th. instant was handed to me by Mr. Lear, and I should have sent you the enclosed check on the Bank of Alexandria for two hundred and fifty dollars sooner, had we not expected you at this place on Friday or Saturday last, according to promise, and been looking for you every day since.

All I ask is, that you would have me secured in the loan of this sum, for the purpose of erecting a Hotel for Mr. Turnicli^{ff},⁵⁶ in the same manner you do the \$750 lent on your own A/c.

The family here unite in love and best wishes for Mrs. Law, Eliza and yourself; and I am, with great esteem etc.

*To REVEREND G. W. SNYDER

Mount Vernon, October 24, 1798.

Revd Sir: I have your favor of the 17th. instant before me; and my only motive to trouble you with the receipt of this letter, is to explain, and correct a mistake which I perceive the hurry in which I am obliged, often, to write letters, have led you into.

It was not my intention to doubt that, the Doctrines of the Illuminati, and principles of Jacobinism had not spread in

⁵⁶William Tunncliff.

the United States. On the contrary, no one is more truly satisfied of this fact than I am.

The idea that I meant to convey, was, that I did not believe that the *Lodges* of Free Masons in *this* Country had, as *Societies*, endeavoured to propagat the diabolical tenets of the first, or pernicious principles of the latter (if they are susceptible of seperation). That Individuals of them may have done it, or that the *founder*, or *instrument* employed to found, the Democratic Societies in the United States, may have had these objects; and actually had a seperation of the *People* from their *Government* in view, is too evident to be questioned.

My occupations are such, that but little leisure is allowed me to read News Papers, or Books of any kind; the reading of letters, and preparing answers, absorb much of my time. With respect, etc.

*TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Mount Vernon, October 26, 1798.

Dear Sir: I have been duly favored with your letters of the 15th. and 20th Instant; and received great satisfaction from the communications in both.

That General Pinckney not only accepts his appointment in the Army of the United States, but accompanies the acceptance with declarat[i]ons so open and candid, as those made to General Hamilton, affords me sincere pleasure. It augers well of the aid that may be expected from his Services.

On October 24 Washington wrote to Bushrod Washington: "I think you are perfectly right in accepting the appointment of Associate Judge, [of the United States Supreme Court] not only for the reasons you have mentioned but on every other account. . . . The Elections in New Jersey are not favourable, and in Pennsylvania, so far as we have heard, are bad. What these and such like will produce, is left for wiser heads than mine to foretell. I auger very ill of them. I wish your Circuit may be pleasant and honorable to you and that you may return safe to your family and friends. The season is propitious for a Southern tour, and I hope your attention to the duties of your present office will give satisfaction." This extract was printed in a sales catalogue, 1921. Bushrod Washington's letter, to which this is answer, is dated October 19, and is in the *Washington Papers*.



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