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exist between me and any Person whatsoever. my Will is Peace with all Mankind. My political Conduct has fundamentally differed with my Principles from that of every Relative I have in the World. I am sorry for it. I wish it had happened otherwise. The Moment for Conviction by Reason and Argument is long since passed and every Man in America has acted his part upon the great Stage of Politicks in a more or less conspicuous Character. I have pursued that Line of Conduct which my poor Opinions of Right and Wrong told me was the proper one. I have invariably adhered to my first Principles and I hope my future Behaviour in Life will not disgrace me. Whatever Differences may have arisen in the Course of the War upon the Propriety of certain Measures taken by Government for the common Defence I hope may be buried in profound Oblivion. It is the Lot of human Nature to differ in Sentiment. I am conscious of the Rectitude and Uprightness of my Intentions. more I will not say. Infallibility no Man can pretend to. unmoved at so great a Distance, the same causes will not exist. consequently the effects cannot. It gives me Uneasiness to find from your Behaviour to me, that Mr Hall's hasty Resolution to depart the Honorable Post which he filled, has drawn your Resentment upon me. I repeat and assert that I have not misrepresented his Conduct or traduced him in any Respect. I have no self-interested View to answer either of Malice to the Person or Ambition for the Seat of Mr Hall. I disapprove of his public Conduct and Character. I have spoken freely of him. I have always confined myself to plain Matter of Fact and never deviated from the Truth. His Country have judged for themselves. if ill used and misrepresented why depart his Country's Service. why not meet his Opponents face to face and put them to the proof. when by so doing he might detect the Fallacy of their Reports and expose the Villainy of their Conduct. I had taken my Resolution to settle in Washington long before Mr Hall resigned. I have this Day been warmly solicited to declare myself a Candidate to fill the Vacancy. I declined it. resolved at all Events to go to Congress Fair. I have thought proper to say this much on the Subject, that you may not think I have behaved in an unbecoming Manner. Among your me in best Love and Compliments.

I am Sir.

Your dutiful Son.

Ben: Galloway.