1789 April James Madison

Dear Sir

Your Favor of the 9th of Nov. got to hand abt. a Month ago — If I am not misled by my Feelings, there could not be a more agreeable piece of Intelligence conveyed to Me, than I received by it — ~~The~~ health & ~~comfort & quiet & ease of the~~ my Friends is what I am interested ~~in~~ You were not mistaken I assure you in believing, that the Acct. it contained of the Health comfort quiet and ease "with" aspiring order pending view" you — ~~enjoy~~ my Sister enjoy, added much to the pleasure which a long little ~~the following~~ Scheme full of difficulty & disappointment ~~to you~~ I am obliged to struggle with permit me to enjoy — that tranquility which you possess, is real Happiness, much more so than the Gaudy Phantom, which the generality of the world is hunting after, with so much real misery to themselves in the pursuit. And the Man who you seem to pitied has brought himself to think, so with the effect, is a Much more fortunate being than ~~the~~ one whom the most liberal Dispensations of fortune, has conspired to make a Man of Wealth — On day or other I hope it will be my power, to enjoy a little more of that tranquility than now falls to my share — My Situation which is now that of confined, I flatter will get more enlarged & I shall then have ~~a~~ greater Opportunity of providing for ~~that State~~ a state of quiet & easy which I don't despair of one day getting into — The great evil I