May 2nd 1838 —

My dear Sir —

From the position we have always occupied towards Each other and the freedom with which we have generally interchanged our political impressions you must now Excuse My Unreserved and friendly communication and consider it Confidential —

I find, some degree of Excitement commencing and several persons named as Candidates for the chief Magistracy of the State at our approaching Election — amongst others your name is mentioned and also that of Mr. Steel — these appear the most prominent here — Steel, I find in a part of this County will have some influence, but my impression is that his interest is local — the impression that you do not consider yourself a Candidate and have thus far withstood the solicitations of your immediate friends around you, will have its operation and strengthen the pretensions of those who openly avow their willingness to serve.

With a view to apprise you of what I believe will be the effect of your present course — I now at your period frankly say, in justice to yourself and friends that your Course should be a decided one — If your inclination or interest lead you to decline the office, I would ad=