Myrtle Grove Sept. 13th 1829

My dear Sir:

Your letter of the 7th reached me the night before last on my return from Cambridge where I had been for some days to see poor Martin who was very ill – Kept him bitter – I thank you very truly for the kind expression of your letter, but as I was found to decline the nomination in consequence of the total want of cooperation on the part of Caroline, I do not think I can be of use with you, although it wd give me pleasure to attend your meetings notwithstanding I am no candidate. I gave an answer to the Comte appointed to inform me of my nomination, which answer I see they have published in the Gazette of yesterday; of course you will see it. I thd be glad, for my justification, if it shd be published in your Centreville paper "the Times", as my non acceptance may create some little disappointment and I wish my reasons known. I suppose to Mrs W. Blayton & Dr McKenny, who wrote me a most kind

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