authority – that if his friends absolutely demand it of him, and were it necessary to preserve the ~~integrity~~ unity of the Party – he would serve. I have not seen him but once since the election, and then during the Sale at Phila. and had no conversation with him – he has been detained at home, by the illness of one of his children. My opinion is, that the appointment shd. be offered to him, that is, that he should be elected, and he might then accept or decline as he heard – unless indeed he were to instruct some particular friend to say, when the Legislature meets – that his declining being considered among the number of Candidates. The triumph has been glorious, and there is room, to return to correct principles, without compromitting the popularity of the party, nay I believe, it would be rather enhanced by such proceeding. I mean on the score of appointments – it is a delicate matter, and should be approached with caution, but with firmness. Look at the Magistracy! much power is placed in the hands of these men, and how few of them are capable of exercising a jurisdiction which extends to $20 – in fact, a majority of those appointed are notoriously incompetent to discharge the duties of their office. You have always had a good Orphans Court – but look at ours generally, & more in particular – except Dickinson – The same may be said of the Law Courts – of which you are passing clear – I have always held the opinion – that the minority should have a voice in these Courts – say one in the Orphans, & two in the Law – many think differently – but the minority has rights, and they should be respected. The time has arrived too, when in my humble opinion, legislation must be had with regard to our Blacks – The Boston pamphlet has penetrated every corner of our confederacy, where an African face is seen – and there have been indications among us too palpable, to be any longer doubted. Manumission must either be ~~[illegible]~~ restrained altogether – or immediate departure from the State – Either or elsewhere. Some Law must be devised, which shall effect the formation of a Troop, of at least 50 good horse in each County which shall be duly exercised – and there may be formed of two companies of Infantry in every County town, which ought to be regularly drilled – self preservation should induce the inhabitants of the Towns to adopt such measures – for they must necessarily be the first objects of attack – to obtain means to save this sunny morning given you my views – as there seems to be no chance for seeding wheat this October – and I have taken the liberty of doing so – because I think the efficient men who will compose the next Legislature, shd. interchange opinions with their best constituents before they leave home – and not depend on the getting up of Petitions &c and further, that they shd. commence a correspondence with each other in the respective counties – that true views may be obtained in due time – and that no obstacle may be presented to Legislation after they assemble –