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Dear Colonel

Your very kind & interesting letters of 27th & 28th ultimo's have this moment been received, I do most truly sympathize with you in the domestic troubles of your family (in which I believe all the members of the Convention who know you, do most sincerely unite) as also in the difficulties which surround you in your agricultural operations from the wanton military interference & exactions of this Administration, I know how hard these things are - but I do hope (as you are impotent to do any thing to redress your wrongs) that God in his infinite mercy, may give you such grace, as to enable you not to do anything to bring down upon you & your family, still greater outrages, & wrongs, recollect my dear friend - you have to deal with an enemy mighty to inflict - without one particle of pity - to interpose in your behalf think not this - the counsel of subserviency & fear, oh no - you know me better - but of wisdom - amidst the most distressed of afflictions

Col. C. Billingsley