Poplar Grove 26th Jany. 1831.

Dear,

In consequence of the severe weather & horrible travelling your favour of the 15th was not recd. till yesterday & was the first direct communication I recd from Annapolis, with the exception of a squib from Jere Hughes. I have a better opinion of Jere than of some other people in Annapolis & regret that he could have been guilty of penning the article I remarked on. I mislaid the article which turns out to be Hq & quoted from it from memory, but substantially correctly as could be shewn, & upon reexamining it, he is obnoxious to the censure I meant to pass, whatever may have been his intention. I shall allow him to pass without further notice in newspapers.

I am glad you moved harmoniously in the appointment of the Executive, & that Forrest who has neither common political honesty nor principle was defeated in creating again an Executive for his own especial ends. — I wish you had been more particular in giving me the features of your objection to the Council. I know personally 4 of the 5. Howard is a very fine fellow, & unless our friend H Wright could have been brought in I do not know how you could have done better than with Potter & Page. Turner is a worthy good man but rather passive & Genl Worthington I do not know except by character.