Chester 31 Jany. 1831

My D. Sir

a most afflictive calamity which has deprived my Wife of her remaining Parent & myself of a Friend whose experience & usefulness to me can never be replaced called me home with hurried steps. our Friend Colo. Emory made me yesterday a flying visit & left me his enclosed letter to look in the mail To day Dr Gordon has furnished me with a certificate of Mrs Smith's marriage which was announced a month & more back. Though yr. opinion will be about mending probably when you receive it I have thought it best not to let it remain in my hand.-

Colo. E. accords entirely in the views which I told him I held & the office to Lincoln & yourself as also in the necessity of a movement of the kind. We are without any late intelligence from you. Mr. Harrison I learned this morning reached home last night but I do not hear of any one who