I cannot at loss to say what will be the Ratio of Representation. Some believe that it will be 44.000. which would keep as we are. I should prefer 50.000. which would lessen the smallest fraction, and prevent the House from being too numerous, and thereby less convenient for public Business. We should lose one.

The general Opinion here is. That the Electors of President & V. President must be preselected as the former case not as the late Lessen. altho: If I recollect right there have been on one Occasion a different course. but I am not certain.

The Papers give constant information of what is passing – Van Buren's nomination will be decided probably on Tuesday, that day was assigned. I think he will have a small majority. He is seen to be an Intriguer, and I should be glad to see some of the Senators throw the first Stone – He

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Your Old friend
and
Obed'nt Serv't
C. Smith

Hon:
T. Emery

Now give a Speech that I have may. You may rely on its being correct in all the Arithmetical figures – and may be useful in preventing your adopting Vague Rumours or idle talk.