East Windsor Feby 1st. 1834

Hon. Thomas Emory

Almost two years have elapsed my Dear Sir without my having the pleasure of hearing from you, except occasionally as a member of the Senate of your State, In your last to me you expressed a wish that a correspondence might be kept up between us therefore I commence this letter to remind you of one who will never forget a friend who has treated him as kindly as you have me, & tell you I have anticipated the pleasure of seeing you once more at least, but I now almost despair of it. Early in the Season I did believe I should be at Washington in the Course of the winter & if I went was determined to see you.

Not expecting were I at the seat of Intrigue if not of Corruption to be able to keep my Old Friend the General in all respects in the Course I should advise, even if I were admitted to attend him as intimately & closely as his old & tried Friend Major Jack Downing — I have not given up the General to the buffetings of Satan, it is quite enough for him to bear the buffetings of the honest & independant members of Congress. I never approved of the Veto & never shall approve the Course pursued against the Bank — I am not much of a Politician nor am I in the Secrets of the party (if any they have) for I am too independant & express my views too frankly to be a confidential member of any