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Having been informed, that an error which had arose thro misinformation, respecting a communication from me to Governor Lee of Maryland, reflecting on you, yet remained to be explained — Give me leave to assure you that the harsh expressions you made use of in regard to me, before a friend of mine, had long since determined me to address you on the subject — and that the assurance of another friend that he would ~~that he would~~ remove every ill impression, that might still exist on your mind with respect to me alone prevented ~~me~~ from it — that he has done so I make no doubt, but as I have not received those acknowledgments for expressions, which I was so far from merriting — I have been induced to suppose that it is still necessary to assure you — on my honour — that I never in my life have wrote to Governor Lee — that he is perhaps, the Gentleman of rank in Maryland, with whom alone I happen to be wholy unacquainted — Judge then your self Madam; how improbable nay how impossible it would have been that being by nature not officious and by education and sentiment averse to doing injury to any individual, I should thus impertinently obtrude my self into the correspondence of a Gentleman that Gentleman a stranger and unprovoked — cruelly embark a

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