in his Mind, and I can with pleasure add that I believe most of those who voted against my being eligible did it with reluctance — I therefore ought to submit acquiesce.

I have some thoughts of setting out to Annapolis the beginning of the next week if I do my return will certainly be the Middle of March or sooner if the weather should be good and if there did not appear some necessity, the Suits not being at present expected, and there being no other time of the year the Law properly allows, I should not go at all, to stay a moment ~~to~~ my own affairs makes it necessary for me shortly to visit that Neighbourhood. If there is any thing I can do for you or my good friend Mrs Lee pray have your Commands lodged with Mr Lamburn in Balto in five or six days. It gives me great pain to delay the pleasure I have so much promised myself in my Visit to Rhedwood but necessity has no Law I hope on my return to make it more agreeable to you. I shd have taken it in my way to Balto but Stoddert says the Roads are impassable in consequence of the Rains. — Tell my best friend that I really intend my son to give her the of the best Neighbours she ever had. I wish to get a good little Farm between this place & yours & to take my little Girl to it & make her happy as she deserves to be — out of the bustle & noise of a world entirely unfit for honest men to have any share in the management of. As all things in this world are uncertain may not only be disappointed in a good farm but a good wife however I do not think that I shall be of the real pleasure of possessing the Women one loves are equal to those I image to myself I must be happy. Do Smith like what we have? It is not new to me though the confession of it to all but one is new & it is yet necessary to be quite silent. In Love and Friendship — I am my dear Sir, with truth, Esteem, Gratitude & Affection to Mrs Lee & yourself Ever yours.

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