relieve many from real perplexity, & afford to the community at large, a very sensible satisfaction. —

The important business of this Session, begins to thicken, like the plot of a play as we approach the end — much animation has mixed itself in debate — & the different views of different Gentlemen with respect to the principles on which the Government ought to be administered, developes themselves in an uncommon distinction of sentiment on leading points — it will give occasion at least and an occasion, if perhaps prove an essential safeguard to the Constitution — A long course of uninterrupted success on the part of the Eastern States, has habituated them to expect unmeaning advantages, & the various efforts of the Senate to ward off the new Representation that brings the interests nearer to an equality, which has eventuated in a proposed amendment to our Code relative to an arbitrary Representation without relation to the numbers of the States contrary to their former principles & reading upon no principle — taking 6 additional members to the Eastward & giving 2 to the South — seems to indicate a very dangerous & enterprizing spirit of encroachment — whether we shall stand firm in our Union or not — If we shall not I do not pretend to foresee the consequences of such a battle but committed to the censure of a public mind not quite tranquil with respect to former injuries —

With much respect & esteem
I have the honor to be &c
Your ob. Sert
John Scott

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