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I am thus [illegible] to Tell [illegible] the appointment of Collector was not made [illegible] I got to Philadelphia, but I had good reason to believe that Mr Pennoyer of this Town would succeed. I am quite Satisfied with the Part my Friend had taken in the Business, but I suspect that before [illegible] an Impression had been made in favour of Mr Pulleck was not to be removed. The appointment was determined on in his favour Friday. After receiving at the Office notice of the appointment [illegible] a Commission at the Federal City, and understanding from Mr Randolph's Letter that a constant residence would be deemed indispensable, I determined to decline that appointment, and so answered Mr Randolph as soon as I got to Philadelphia. To have accepted on such Terms I must have given up all attention to my own Affairs, and I did not think I could justify such a sacrifice for a Short Term. Now I must have necessarily

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