and sets out [illegible] appoint-
ed to meet him in the morning at Mr. Morris's for
the purpose of witnessing the execution of the Deed
and Power to Messrs. Luther Martin and Winchester —
The Deed which Mr. Morris is willing to acknowledge
is the one in his possession drawn by Mr. Potts — the two
Gentlemen above mentioned are those named in
the Power in the said Deed and as they will pro-
bably meet with a Judge of the General Court in
Baltimore — Mr. Levy will take the Deed with him
and the Business can be speedily done — I will
also write a few lines to your son near Baltimore
apprising him of the circumstance so that he
may pay some attention to the Business — your
information of Mr. Morris's being in confinement is I
believe without foundation — My old Master Wilson
was shut up for a few hours last week — perhaps
the names may have been mistaken — I have
dined [illegible] and saw nothing in [illegible] that indicated a
fear of this Kind — It will give me sincere pleasure
if in this or any other instance I can be of you or your
any assistance I hope you will always command
me freely — We have nothing in Politics but
what the papers afford you — We had a very warm
and animated debate on the answer to the Presi-
dent's Speech in which much matter was in[illegible]
[illegible]ner too with the Subject before us
in hopes as this has taken off much of the ill hu-
mors of Party we shall in future be less personal
and more moderate — Finance is the great Bus-
iness of the Session but nothing yet is matured
on this Subject — I shall be happy to hear from you
as often as your convenience will admit — Present
my best respects to your family and believe me
Philadelphia
Decem. 20th 1796

Yours with regard
Wm Smith

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