occurrance of the day, and that of most importance to the union generaly; appears to be the Decease of the late Genl. A. Hamilton, in a Duel with Colo. A. Burr — this unfortunate affair, which has so untimely, & fear for this Country, snatched from us, perhaps our most valuable citizen, appears to make a great & lasting impression on the minds of the community and the close of this truly great mans life, will truly become a valuable Shield to the Christian religion — His manly fortitude in a willing acknowledgement of his error, proves his mind of the most exalted kind — and his dying in low pecuniary circumstances, after having spent so much of his life in the service of his country & rendered her so many important services will completely baffle the attempts of his vile enemies, who endeavored so much to stigmatize him with amasing considerable wealth, by a fraudulent conduct as an officer of the Government of his Country. —

We have all been highly gratified at your state of writing, and beg you to receive the assurance that an assiduous & timely application to your studies, and continued exertion to add to the number of your friends, without committing yourself in any wise to the pardon of any stranger, who may profess a friendship for you, will enable you in a very short time to acquire more solid information than ages would otherwise afford you — It is now that I sensibly feel the great advantages that I lost by too anxiously pursuing studies, when I was at your age: — and I declare solemnly were I to pass the same period in life again, with similar advantages I would with less labour possess ten times the real information