and which events proved to be unfounded. That undoubtedly Mr Barlow, and our fellow citizens generally, now entertained more correct notions on the subject.

That for his own part, Mr Pickering had no reason to be pleased with Mr Barlow: On the contrary, his conduct, at the time when the French Directory, most grossly insulted the Government of the U. States, appeared to be very reprehensible. That the sentiments expressed by Mr Barlow in his letter to his brother-in-law, Mr Baldwin, concerning our government, were so very exceptionable as to attract the notice of Mr Pickering in a report he made to President Adams, on French affairs & Mr Gerry's negotiations at Paris, which the President communicated to Congress, and in which Mr Pickering had pointedly reprobated the sentiments expressed by Mr Barlow. That this very conduct, however, of Mr Barlow, was acceptable to the party then in opposition & now in power. That he was inclined to think Mr Barlow now entertained very different sentiments respecting the French. That he had an intimate knowledge of the French language; which was a con-

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Memo.
When mentioning to Col. Pickering that I had heard with surprise of his opposition to Joel's nomination for the Embassy, as Minister to France, he replied that he would state that he had written in writing — and in two or three days afterwards he delivered to me a paper, which the enclosed is an exact copy —
J. Lee

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