bringing into immediate discussion points not connected with the order in council, appears to me questionable, because however interesting & important they are to the United States, they are at the same time so difficult in their own nature to adjust, that it would seem almost impossible to come to any satisfactory understanding respecting them, without a degree of confidence & mutual cordiality which can hardly be expected to exist in a state of open war, & can arise only out of those amicable relations, which the Orders in Council are resorted, might I thought have been rendered consistently with the honor, & interests of both countries.

I still hope to see the door opened to a friendly discussion upon these subjects, & altho' there appears to me little prospect at present of a political change in this country, I am convinced that even our present Ministers, can feel no wish to prolong a state of hostility so improfitable to both parties, if they are once satisfied that your Government is really disposed to come to that good understanding which might reconcile the terms of such an adjustment to the feelings or prejudices

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