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Dr. Sir. As soon as I conveniently could after receiving your letter, I visited Mr Johnson, & conversed with him in relation to the wishes of the Committee of arrangements that he would preside on the 5th June. He is very feeble in bodily health, though the faculties of his mind are yet strong and lively. He says, that if such would be the case, that in his debilitated state it would be impossible for him to go through the duties of the day, even if he could bear the journey, and therefore he is forced to decline the honor offered to him, for which however he entertains much sensibility. He has forwarded his answer couched in such terms as will sufficiently evince the deep interest he feels in those great events in Europe which promise emancipation to the world, and his hearty approbation of the intended festivals. We shall muster a respectable party from this quarter. It might be rendered more numerous

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