Richmond Jan. 24. 1814.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your enclosures. altho I have not read them, I value them; not only as a mark of your polite remembrance; but as an authority for future reference. I have been Document-sick, long ago, but wished to preserve a series to answer the valuable purpose above mentioned. Unfortunately, the greater part of those which I had collected, during my continuance in public life, were consumed by fire, last march, just as that life had expired.

Be so good as to present me most respectfully to Mrs Horsey - Remember me also to Stanford & tell him that he is a sad fellow, but I forgive him in consideration of his vote on the Speaker's leaving the Chair. I cannot conceive how a man so arbitrary, ignorant, uniform & capricious in his decisions (upon points too of vital importance to the freedom of Debate) could receive the thanks of any but such creatures as voted for G. as his successor. Cheves's address is pertinent, neat, delicate & happy. He said ab that he should have said & as he should have said it, & nothing more; except that related to his Predecessor. as every body in the City of O. but yourself, has forgotten me, you will excuse such tokens of my remembrance as this. I detest that lukewarmness in hatred, or friendship, which borrows the thin disguise of candour & charity, eternally in

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