Richmond feb. 2. 1814.

Dear Sir

on the subject of the ~~your~~ letter mentioned in my last, I am not at liberty to speak farther than this. The extract of a letter from Mr J., which has gone the rounds thro' the newspapers, being the subject of conversation between a friend of mine & myself, he assured me that Mr J. had written* (& I think he said he had seen the letter) to a gentleman of the first respectability in the South of Virginia, holding quite the opposite language - & this fact was adduced by Mr J—'s correspondent to my friend to prove that the extract in question was a fabrication. I then shewed my friend your letter, in which it's authenticity is established beyond the shadow of doubt. He shook his head & the conversation dropped. Soon after he left town. The part of the letter from Mr J. of which he spoke was that all our hopes of peace rested on the success of Bonaparte &c: &c: much in the stang of the newspapers of the day.

* in the course of his conv. & exc. last.

I thank you for your enclosure. It is a precious morsel. The Ch: Justice sets out today for Washington. This is all the news we have - with great regard I am Dear Sir,

Yours

John Randolph of Roanoke

My best respects & wishes to Mrs Horsey.
Pray look over my last again.

Outerbridge Horsey esq.

1230

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