In the House of Representatives

November 22nd 1804

To his Excellency Christo Gadsden.

WE congratulate your Excellency upon the distinguished approbation which our Constituants have given you by your late election to the Chief Magistracy - a testimony of their attachment to you the more honorable, since it is the unconstrained expression of the will of a free People. Whilst other nations, by a fatal acquiescence, suffer themselves to be enslaved by a single man, at the very moment when he is delusively Promising them liberty, it is the happy lot of Americans to enjoy in reality this invaluable blessing. WE agree with you that renown'd in History as are the Republics of Greece and Rome, their Systems of Government were much less calculated to secure the great objects of human association than those of our own Country. It was reserved for her to produce, as it were, and perfect the great principles of election and representation; and to demonstrate to the old world that, degenerated as we are supposed to be in the proud Opinion of some of their Philosophers, we have Presented the People in the Government of themselves, in a dignified station worthy of their imitation.

That under the auspices of such a government, wisely administered, should appear a growing agriculture, flourishing manufactures, and an extensive commerce was to be expected; and the Pleasing presage of future wealth and greatness, which they authorise us to anticipate in our own State, is gratifying indeed, Where but yesterday the tottering Canoe of Savage

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mass was dashed dashed by every agitation of the Stream, now
rides in grandure the Stately Ship, defying the rage of
the Storm, and affording the means of safe transportation
to the most distant quarter of the Globe, of all the
Surplus Products of civilized life. In facilitating
this intercourse the acquisition of Louisiana cannot
be too highly appreciated; while it gives to us in all
its extent that immense country, comprehending Perhaps
West Florida, and the Island of New Orleans,
it Places under our Sovereignty one of the finest
and noblest Rivers in the World. This great
attainment, so honorably and wisely obtained, and
so worthy of Preservation at any hazard, secures to
our own State in the Federal Union that elevation
to which she is entitled.

The Order which you are Pleased to inform
us Prevails throughout the State, the respect shewn
to the Public functionaries; and the absence of Criminal
Offences are pleasing evidences of the just estimate
made by our fellow Citizens of their happy condition.
To Continue this State of things we concur with
you as to the importance of a well organized
Judiciary; and we shall Chearfully co-operate in
any measures which may be necessary to render
it respectable and dignified.

It is to be regretted that the credit of the
State Paper should have been heretofore so much
impaired; and although the additional taxes laid
at the last Session of the Legislature, will it is
hoped replace entire confidence in the punctuality
of the commonwealth, this subject merits and

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shall receive the most Particular attention.

The Hens of Representatives will give due consideration to the several other matters recommended by you to the notice of the Legislature; and fully impressed with the propriety of Cherishing harmony with the other departments of Government, they Pledge themselves to devote their best exertions to the Public good.

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