

(You J. M. Kendall) Edgehill March 23^d 1810

Dear Sir,

Your letter of yesterday making known your willingness to present yourself as a candidate for the Senate immediately gives me great satisfaction. I am in the first place gratified in a public matter of very great importance, for most certainly I should without hesitation if the election rested on any single suffrage give it in your favor in preference to any man in the district whose services are at our command for that part. I have just enough of that science you possess in so eminent a degree to be able to estimate its value & to know the rarity in our country as well as the necessity in our times for public men in whose character it is blended with virtue talents & correct manners. I should only regret in giving the suffrage that it did not elevate you higher, although a station among 24 whose business it is to watch over the disorder and correct the errors of 299 cannot be held low.

In the second place I am relieved from some anxiety about the probable construction of my own conduct. I had agreed to open myself in the case only that neither yourself in the first nor Mr. Casner in the second resolution would consent to serve. From some expressions of Mr. Tucker Coles I had hopes notwithstanding contrary appearances in Nelson County that you would yet come forward. Influenced by that hope I had yielded to my reluctance to such employment and to the sufficiency of private business and had absented myself from the March Court in Buckingham and Amherst, by which I must have excited considerable dissatisfaction. If you had persisted in refusing & Col. Monroe had also refused I should have been compelled to give time to exertions in canvassing next month the interests of my family would have suffered by so doing.

I am Sir with the strictest
 Sent by the way of the
 Wm. M. Randolph

Cd: Thos. M. Randolph
27 March 1810.

Joseph C. Cabell Esquire

Warminster