

Bolling Hall to William Jones, 11 January 1812, Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir

By the last mail your favor of the 25th Dec came to hand, for which you will please to accept my thanks- the light in which you view the situation of our country is strictly correct, and points out the ? of ? ? measures ? adopted by our government in order to redress our grievances and secure our rights- And such appears to be the stand which we have now taken- the Rubicon is passed- the Bill for raising 25 000 additional regular troops was yesterday signed by the speaker, and wants nothing but the signature of the President to give it the effect of law- It is not intended as a peace establishment- the supporters of this law are determined to use the force contemplated to be

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raised by it against our common enemy- Our rights must now be respected- Or war must ensue- Or the most disgraceful submission- we cannot for an instance hesitate which to choose- It is thought by some that England will repeal her orders in Council- indeed the last accts. from Liverpool seems to favor an opinion of that kind- But I am of opinion that every measure preparatory for war should be pursued with vigour until we have some pledge of remuneration for past ? - ? and security for our rights- The documents accompanying the Presidents message which I presume you have read and examined furnishes the most unequivocal proof that we had no alternative ? war or submission to England- I am induced to believe that there is more ? and talents in the present Congress than has been for years passed- Agreeable to your request the whole

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of the representation from the State of Georgia have joined in making the recommendations for the appointments you mentioned- And have no doubt but we shall succeed in obtaining them- And be assured Sir, that it affords me real satisfaction, ? in ? ? degree instrumental in procuring an appointment for and promoting the interest of men of correct principles, who are attached to our present excellent government, and whose sword will never be unsheathed but in defense of their countries [country's] rights-

Receive my best wishes- your fellow ?

Bolling Hall

A Bill for raising 50,000 volunteers is now before the house of representatives and will pass in a day or two-