your public affairs is to hold you up in an amiable and useful point of view to your fellow citizens, and to some extent to promote your future prospects, for I am not super-critical for a moment to think that you can consent to be an idle and unconcerned spectator on the affecting scene

I am like a rash star in to act I hope a very conspicuous one in either the civil or military departments of our country. The former is the path in which it seems most to suit you, whichever you walk you cannot fail of your rational course. Must advise that court as soon as the election is made, resolved that you have no time to lose. Genius alone and unaided by course strong will not enable you to surmount the various difficulties of civil society especially for a degislator with honor to himself and advantage to the country. Your time must be spent in diligently employed among strangers that your obligations to serve the country business or inclination to the contrary notwithstanding you are elected

That you may and will and constitutional attachment to your country as the wish of

Dear Sir your ob. Hble Servt

J. D. Ayres

Portsmouth June 14 1798

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We have a strange situation it becomes necessary for Every Friend to our whose authority and Weal the welfare of the service in a great measure depends in the uncertain present and in a situation in which we stand with the Executive.

Without a Minister for a considerable time past has been made the President of the United States for a great portion of our