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Answer

Cambridge 26 June 1819

Dear Sir

Accept my sincere thanks
for your friendly favor, without date; & for the cheerful
manner of your meeting my request. At the time presented,
& before the district Judge & a circle of my friends, I propose
to take the oath, agreeably to your information; unless
it should be requisite for public purposes, to be then at
Washington, in which event, I shall claim no
indulgence.

It affords me more, than the prospect
of paying my respects to my Virginian friends, & to yourself
& your Lady in a particular manner. Long absence
sublimates friendship, & produces a due estimation of
its worth. Accept my best wishes & respects, & at the
unknown, present them to Mrs Madira - your very
sincerely dear Sir - signed J G

James Madison

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Elbridge Gerry Esq

near Boston

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Gerry in the
26 Jan 1800