My dear Sir— Pembroke, 18th Oct. 1817

I am very much surprised by my letter leaving me again that if I were not of a disposition not to be drawn away from any thing I considered to be right, I should drop every thing concerning elections. I do not think I shall be able to accept your kind invitation for the 2d. It behoves me that the American friends do not speak it not enough on his behalf— I hope that on Monday, some one will speak on the point I sent to the house as to the efficacy of choosing a man that had used such approbation towards the recent representatives as Mr. Bermudez had done, more place in England. Whether it would not be taken as one of the strongest proofs of the depravity of our general habits. Whether any county or Borough in England would admit a man who had spoken in regard of the Queen as the head of her representatives—

Which such speeches would not even have drawn Mr. Bermudez from society and involved him in various scrapes—

Whether the places of power we here should not consider their reputation for propriety and loyalty depended greatly as their election on an active steady man in stead of a fool or madman or both—who are compounding a 5d part of our laws where could do much more danger mischief than the same person in the English house of commons, not one of which would probably agree to set forth them—

And whether private connexion or friendship should not be such a care as the present gave way to public duty—

I hope the Kent some such speech on Tuesday would do much on an advertisement or both— I have not heard the reading of it but that last Tuesday & surely more—

With kind regard and I hope you are yesterday's progress—

Yours very truly Wood.