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Beloved Sir



I bitterly regret your absence from
 home, as I promised ^{myself} on leaving Baltimore,
 a cordial interview with you at Monticello;
 perhaps, the last opportunity with which I could
 hope to be favored by Heaven, whether the thread
 of my existence may be spun out to a length-
 ened period, or snapped in a few revolving
 hours.

Yesterday, I dined at the peaceful
 and hospitable board, of President Madison -
 Great word just came ~~was~~ has he, to con-
 gratulate his Country, and felicitate himself
 on its Glory and prosperity. The secretary
 of State and his family, conversers were there,
 on their way to the seat of Government,

Merice! what moral worth, primitive
 simplicity, profound intelligence, and undeviating
 patriotism, center and shine in that
 upright, downright Republican?

I am on my way to Staunton, and purpose
 returning to Baltimore by the way of
 Charlottesville - were I to occupy the bench in
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The Court House of this town, as an itinerant
preacher on Sunday week, the 8th day of Oct:
next, pray, could I have the honor of your
sitting under my ministry on the occasion?

If you could promise me a congregation
on that day (and that the stated pastor would
not be jealous) I would pledge myself to deliver
a discourse at that period; At all events, I will
hazard the appointment; and I do verily think you may
rely on my attendance;

With grateful affection, and devout wishes
for your temporal and eternal felicity,
believe me Beloved Sir
faithfully Yours

John Glensy

Charlottesville
Sept. 28th 1815.

Thos Jefferson Esquire