

Paris, Dec. 12th 1823.

Dear Sir,

 I have just received your letter of the 10th Oct. 1823. and the accompanying documents. They had been sent to the care of Mr Gallatin, and I being absent from Paris at the time of their arrival they had been laid aside and forgotten among the mass of papers which naturally accumulates in his office. I beg you will bear the kindness to make this known to the Academy, that they may understand the cause of my not replying earlier to the communication of their wishes through you better. I trust that those wishes with regard to the notation of membership &c to gentlemen resident in England, have long since been executed by some other person. I am extremely sorry that the Academy did not acquiesce in my declining the honor of election as councillor. I felt assured that I should be occupying the place of a more official man, and that the Academy would be subjected to

disappointment in any release they might place
upon me for the discharge of any specific commission,
in consequence of the detention at which I was
placed, ~~my~~ frequent change of residence and
various other circumstances which conspired to
render me a most uncertain coadjutor. I
hope that in any subsequent election which
may have taken place, they may have been
corrected, and some person appointed in my
place more competent from abilities and
situation to discharge its duties.

Will you be kind enough also to communicate
to the readers my deep sense of the
honour which they have done me, and

my best wishes for their success in their spiritual
and laudable undertakings -

I am to

Very respectfully



Yours M. F.

Wesley to Irving

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