

Aspk. Washington March 4. 1812

Dear Brother

I wrote you on Saturday last in taking up the Resolutions upon Taxation in the House. The Duty upon imported Salt was rejected. Only 5 Members from Virginia voting for it, this created some uneasiness among the friends of the Administration and was the subject of canvassing from Friday until Monday for a reconsideration which they effected and carried, yesterday it was the Order of the ^{Day} again to take up the Tax Resolutions after debating all day upon that upon still the House rose without taking the Question, This morning it has been renewed and carried, and all the other Resolutions, carried, I could not vote for ^{some of} them. The Question upon the Land Tax is as yet not taken but it will be carried -- I have no question but this Budget has been introduced with the express view to frighten the Nation out of their project; to show them that if they will go to war, this Tax must be resorted to; I am no financier but I believe means could have been found that we could have been engaged in war two or three years without this odious Tax -- and besides which is a greater inconsistency it is not to take place until war is proclaimed, although we have ordered a Loan to be negotiated for 11,000,000 of Dollars. If this project does not break down the present Administration I am very much mistaken; Another Dispatch to Genl (The War) is

I am very glad to hear that Theodore is getting well again & hope that the fever which has raged so fatally in different parts of the County has again subsided - my letters I have received from different ^{places} mention it as truly melancholy -

Yours sincerely
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