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Hartford, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 1817

Mr. Jona. W. Edwards—

Sir,

You cannot be insensible of your importance to the Federal interest, as you must lead the van of the party. Your talents place you in the first rank. But, Sir, I must confess that I feel no small degree of mortification to see a question lost by the Federalists after such men as yourself have argued it at full length as it was this morning in the case of appointing a Justice of the Quorum in the County of Windham. The ground was not at all tenable—and for that reason the whole party were not with you.— But whenever a party question must arise, and a permanent stand must be taken, I hope it will be one of those cases which are so clear and strongly marked, that every Federalist will be constrained to vote for it, and not be obliged to endure the mortification of seeing Burnow, Robinson & Co. triumphant.

Yours very Respectfully

A member of Apunably



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