Politics is a subject we must often discuss and determine with much confidence, as men of any age, experience or study. If argument fails in this respect, the stamp of opinion is correct, and ready to supply the deficiency. It is a subject on which my situation permits all influence; and if I were not any, to engage in it would be only disturbing that tranquility of mind, which is one of the best ingredients of constant and solid happiness.

But the Citizen will "allege" that though this is true, yet as it is known what are my policies, they will have an effect upon those of the University. To this I shall only reply, that to be President of the University is an object to which I never aspired; to be so useful as formerly was ever been the great aim of my life, and I have continually the station in which I might be service. Though I feel more gratitude than I have ever been able to express to the sentiment of the Board, for the distinction which they have done and patriotic body have conferred, I know they will permit me to say, that the office has ever honored me, and not the office. For the variety of this, it does not want to be taken upon my own credit, but upon the testimony of Republican members of the Board, who have so...