TO JOHN H. EATON.

Washington, July 14, 1831.

Sir, Mr Ingham in a letter to me of the 21st of June last reed on the 22d, has charged certain public officers, he says, friends and associates of yours, with being armed with the design to assail and assassinate him etc. Before you leave the city I have to request of you to state to me in writing whatever you may feel at liberty in justice to yourself to communicate on this subject. It may become necessary in justice to you, to him and to the public, that I should, fully investigate this matter, which he has so earnestly demanded, and to which inquiry I am cheerfully disposed, that the innocent may be shielded, and the guilty, when ascertained, properly dealt with.

I am very respectfully yrs