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I received yours by the hand of my friend Mr. Broadway for which I thank you, and was much gratified with the facts it communicated. I am fully convinced, that the course the senate has taken on the subject of passing a law authorizing a new Election perfectly correct, and cannot ultimately fail of universal approbation with the thoughtful - lovers of freedom, and

those who love a Government of Laws, ~~and not of men~~ instead of a Government of men - Those who act on all cases with the prejudices and passions of the moment without having regard to the rights of their fellow citizens, guaranteed to them by the constitution and Laws - from such monsters, and from such oppressive Government may the Blessed God deliver forever the citizens of this Commonwealth -

May the present senate of our State be fully appreciated for their wisdom and firmness on this occasion of thus supporting the constitution of their Country Men, against the madness of the Ignorant, and against the wickedness of the designing and unprincipled who have attempted to undermine our free government - I desire to thank that God who rules the world in Righteousness has been pleased to make the senate of our State, the instrument, to baffle and frustrate the wicked devices of the Wicked: -

It has been rumored that you was absent when the question was taken in the senate, on the passage of the Bill sent from the House of representatives authorizing a new Election for Governor - if you were absent I have indulged this belief, that you must have been providentially prevented, but if you were absent when the question was taken no matter what was the occasion (would you permit a friend to suggest to you, to free you from all blame) for you to ask the senate to permit your Vote

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