Delegate: Mr. Jeffrey Bi

School: Saint Edward’s School

Committee: 8th Congress

Character: John Wayles Eppes, Democratic Republican from Virginia

Dear Chairman of the 8th Congress,

I, John Wayles Eppes, have humbly accepted a spot as a member in the House of Representatives. I am a Virginia man educated at the college of William and Mary. Over the past several years, I have been under the direction of my uncle, Thomas Jefferson, in law, and due to this I have become a successful attorney. However my accomplishments are not all because of my uncle, I also a successful plantation owner.

The Barbary Pirates, a collection of crews from the North African nations of Algiers, Tripoli, Tunis, and Morocco, who disturb American trade with European countries within the Mediterranean Sea, is something that I stand firmly with my Uncle about. Although, Democratic Republicans are against the building of an army and navy in times of peace, as allocating money in defense is wasteful when it could be used in other matters such as furthering the economy or the acquisition of new territory. However, I believe that my Uncle is completely correct in his thinking as continually paying these pirates while trying to expand will only stress the country farther than it needs. The only way that we can solve this problem while still spending to help this country is by building a national navy, which will get more jobs and will deal with a continual problem so that we will not suffer in the future.

I also agree with westward expansion instead of fighting wars in Europe primarily due to my plantation. Westward expansion would allow for the expansion of my business, as it would provide more consumers within the Americas, and more land for the production. This is why when the Louisiana Purchase is brought up, I agree with my Uncle in terms of purchasing this land. Acquisition of this land would allow for more protection of the Western citizens of the United States from foreign powers.

Finally, I also agree with giving the power of judicial review to the Supreme Court. Although this right was not specifically given to the Supreme Court in the Constitution as a lawyer, I believe that having living document to adjust to the times and works of society is important. However, I do believe that a system should be put in place where if the Judiciary branch were to develop this power, it should not be absolute within the Judiciary branch, and should be balanced by powers in the other two branches. The balance of power between societies allows for jobs in law, specifically a lawyer, to still have importance on a daily basis. Although I am a Democratic Republican, many of my beliefs are similar to those of my Uncle as I was under his guidance when studying science and law.