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R. Smith to George ~~or Samuel~~ Bryan, Oxford Chester County,

26 April 1788¹

Contritt Friend

Thy Sons Letter I recd. of the 9th. Inst. by Samuel

McNeal Jur. who is the bearer of this and also the News papers

& the papers of the Minority which I have sent several papers

of the Minority by an Intimate Frd. to the State of Maryland--

As also I have sent papers of the Minority by the bearer of

this Letter as he is now on his way to the State of Georgia,

althou' that State has adopted the New system such papers may

be of advantage to the people in calling another Convention.--

I understand the people are much devided in sentiment respecting

the New system in Maryland--there is a Certain George Luckey

a Minister Brother to Justice Luckey, he lives in hart found

or Baltimore County--he took upon him as a Federalist to

dispute with a young Lawyer whose Name is Pinkney a royal

advocate against the new system--he the Lawyer knocked parson
Luckey off the hinges in less than three minutes that he had
not a single word to say in favour of the New system. Not-
withstanding this defate Luckey & a babtist Minister Assembled
a great body of their hearers and Parson Luckey made a speech
to his hearers (and having no opposition he was able to make
a better stand then when engaged with Pinkney) and calls
to them all that was for the New Constitution follow him,
so they all followed him but four that had the goodness to
stand out.

This speech of Luckeys puts me in mind of a little history.

I onst read respecting lude women where the Devil was pictured
in the beginning of the history & out of his horns were two
printed lines, sd. the old Fellow "take my advice & you'll
do well" The woman reply'd: "I'll take thy advice althou'

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it leads to hell."--I dar venture to predict that parson
Luckey will have a wasps nest about his head [---] long--The
People here away save [An--?] Boyd the Miller is much averse
against the new system and what has bewitched Andw. Boyd
onst so warm a Constitusionalist I cannot tell--

I am much oblided to thee & thy Son Saml. fore the
information I constantly receive, & as I said before, that
the bearer is not to return here, so that I cannot at this
time expect any information from you but hopes for a more
favorable opportunity.--

NB This young Pinkney the Lawyer served his Apprentship
to one Chase an Eminent Lawyer in the State of Maryland--
this Chase is much opposed to the New system, he will get
upon their backs and ride them until they lye down, and then
he will whip them up and ride them to death--I am Informed

that this young Pinkney rides or travels throu' different parts of Maryland, to inform the people the danger that will ensue if they adopt the New system.--

If John Smiley Esqr. is in Philadelphia pleas to remember my respects to him.

1. RC, George Bryan Papers, PHi.