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An accommodation...by mutual yieldings:

Advice from President George Washington

... I regret, deeply regret, the difference in opinions which have arisen, and divided you and another principal Officer of the Government; and wish, devoutly, there could be an accommodation of them by mutual yieldings.

A Measure of this sort would produce harmony, and consequent good in our public Councils; the contrary ill, inevitably, introduce confusion, and serious mischiefs; and for what? because mankind cannot think alike, but would adopt different means to attain the same end. For I will frankly, and solemnly declare that, I believe the views of both of you are pure, and well meant; and that experience alone will decide with respect to the salubrity of the measures which are the subjects of dispute. Why then, when some of the best Citizens in the United States, Men of discernment, Uniform and tried Patriots, who have no sinister views to promote, but are chaste in their ways of thinking and acting are to be found, some on one side, and some on the other of the questions which have caused these agitations [?] [S]hould either of you be so tenacious of your opinions as to make no allowances for those of the other?

George Washington to Thomas Jefferson, October 18, 1792, about the disagreements between Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton, original in the Manuscript Division, Library of Congress. Images courtesy of the American Memory Project, Library of Congress.

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My dear Sir. (Private)

I did not require the evidence of the extracts which you enclosed me, to convince me of your attachment to the Constitution of the United States, or of your disposition to promote the general welfare of this Country. - But I regret - deeply regret. the difference in opinions which have arisen, and divided you and another principal Officer of the Government; and wish, devoutly, there could be an accomodation of them by mutual yieldings. -

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I could, and indeed was about
to add more on this interesting subject;
but will forbear, at least for the present;
after expressing a wish that the cup w^{ch}
has been presented, may not be snatched
from our lips by a discordance of actions
when I am persuaded there is no discordance
in your views. - I have a great & sincere
esteem & regard for you both, and ardently
wish that some line could be marked out
by which both of you could walk.

I am always - Y^r affect^d
Thos. Jefferson Esq.
G. Washington

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Let him his loss deplore while we rejoice

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No 5. 7 Aria.

This page contains a handwritten musical score for an aria, titled "No 5. 7 Aria." The score is written on five systems of staves. The first four systems each consist of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The fifth system is a grand staff, consisting of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The music is written in a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The notation includes various note values, rests, and dynamic markings such as "u" and "tu". The paper is aged and shows some staining.