

I have every confidence in the firmness & honor
of Sturges & Barclay - & all mankind must
be satisfied with the industry & exertions of
Chipman. When I consider these my fears
abate. I always disliked the mode of appoint-
ment - As I state the matter the Cause (as an
important one it is - depends upon the honor
of an individual - who from the nature of
things must be biased - in some degree.

May we not exclaim -

"On what slight threads hang our
existence!"

^{event}
~~An ^{event} circumstance~~ of great importance to me
has lately taken place & will I hope be an
apology for asking your Excellency's care of the
includ. letter to Col. Lutwidge - my late Agent
Capt. Armstrong is dead - & my Bills for two
periods are voted for protest. ^{in favor of an agent.} In this dilemma
I have executed a power of Agency to Lutwidge
which - with another power in case he declines
is on the cover. I am extremely anxious to
have it safely conveyed to him - . Knowing
your Excellency's friendship for him & supposing
you may have some correspondence with
him I have ventur'd to ~~include~~ ^{enclose} it. solicit your
care of it - and will be sincerely thankful if
your Excellency will take the trouble to inform me
by what ship it may be sent.

I shall transmit duplicates.

Wm. W. W. W.
April 29th 1798.
includ. letter to Col.
Lutwidge &c.