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Letter from Joel R. Poinsett to Commodore David Porter, requesting dinner with he and his Secretary of Legation, John Mason.

Joel Roberts Poinsett

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My dear Sir

What has your
bagger to do with your
eating a plain family dinner
with an old friend? Do
come any how in your frock
or close bodied coat as the case
may be & let us talk over
old times - I shall ask Messon
to dine with us - do me also

Yours truly

Com^d. Porter

J. B. Poinsett

Wednesday morning.