

every thing that belongs to real Republicanism  
and consciously conceive it my duty to  
do my ~~best~~ utmost to support the  
Cause which has I think been declining

I have for many years contended & it  
many who never were your friends, and  
I know many who will not do you  
any good. I wish to write to you in  
Confidence as a Friend in truth —

with affection &c. &c.

Yr. Obedt. Servt.

Joseph C. Boyd