

# THE PAPERS OF THOMAS JEFFERSON

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## From Henry Dearborn

DEAR SIR,

Boston April 22<sup>d</sup> 1818

Being persuaded that you have more letters to notice than can be perfectly convenient or agreeable, I have refrained for some time from adding to the list, we may not always be sure of what the governing motive for our actions may be, but as far as I am capable of deciding in the present case, my motive for writing is principally, that of saying, that neither time or space, has in any degree abated the respect & esteem for your character & person which I have long entertained, and which can never diminish while my reason continues. I frequently reflect on the disproportion between men, in public life, who have been & are, governed by sacred principles of strict integrity: and those of a different character, and when I have found one of the former character, I consider him as entitled to my highest esteem.—although M<sup>r</sup> Monroe came into the Presidency under very favourable circumstances, he has not been permitted to recline at all times on a bed of roses, but I am confident that his good Judgement & virtuous intentions will carry him safely through. I am very sorry that Duane has taken such hostile ground, and what is still more unaccountable is his partiality for D. Clinton, who I have long considered as on par, in point of ambition and want of honest integrity, with A. Bur.—M<sup>r</sup> Clay appears disposed to play the part of John Randolph, and will probably attach himself to the present Clintonian party.—I have frequently had the pleasure of hearing of you, by different persons, and all agree that time has had no perceptible effect on your body or mind. I enjoy good health, and am easy & happy in my domestic concerns, but I can neither forget or forgive the unjust treatment I received in the course of the late war, I was drawn into the army against my own inclinations, I was suspended from command in the most humiliating and unprecedented manner, and denied any enquiry into the circumstances on which my removal originated. and at the close of the war

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I was discharged with as little regard to my feelings as any private soldier, being merely notified by a gen<sup>l</sup> order from a Brigad<sup>er</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> that my functions as an officer would cease on a certain day. I should not have concented to remain in the Army in time of peace, but I thought that when all circumstances were concidered, it was not unreasonable to expect some notice from the Executive, that my services were no longer required. I have mentioned my case to you, perhaps improperly, but merely to put you in possession of the facts, as an act of Justice to myself, but with no wish or desire that they should ever go any further.—

Mr<sup>s</sup> Dearborn Joins me in the most respectfull compliments, and best wishes for your health and happiness, with a request that you will please to present our kind & sincere regards to Mr<sup>s</sup> & M<sup>r</sup> Randolph & their amiable children—

H. DEARBORN

RC (DLC); at foot of text: "Hon<sup>bl</sup> Thomas Jefferson"; endorsed by TJ as received 9 May 1818 and so recorded in SJL.

Secretary of War John Armstrong was instrumental in the REMOVAL of Dear-

born from active command in 1813, ostensibly to allow him time to recover from illness. Dearborn later oversaw the defense of New York until his honorable discharge on 15 June 1815 (Madison, *Papers, Pres. Ser.*, 6:461–2, 503–4, 534–5; Heitman, *U.S. Army*, 1:19, 363).

## From Gamaliel H. Ward

RESPECTED SIR,

Salem April 22<sup>d</sup> 1818.—

I wrote You on the 20<sup>th</sup> January from Wilmington N<sup>o</sup> C. by the advice of my friends there, and as the subject and my plan seem'd to excite a deal of interest & anxiety, perhaps the letter might have been intercepted, I therefore take the liberty to enclose a copy and to crave your reference thereto. But as I desired an answer to care of Robert Cochran Esq<sup>re</sup> Collector of that place and left it myself soon after I cannot yet ascertain whether or not you condescended to answer it.— Reading the Copy since I was not a little astonish'd and sensibly struck at the familiar style with which I addressd a man so much older and respectable than myself, and I now Sir humbly ask your pardon for it.—being highly elated with the prospect and the handsome Sums which were offer'd perhaps I did not duly realize who I was writing to. This therefore must be my apology and I hope will prove satisfactory to You Sir who are so well acquainted with mankind Old and Young.—I beg leave to make a further reference for my character, if necessary, which is to the Hon Secretary of the Navy B. W. Crowninshield & Nath<sup>l</sup> Silsbee Esq<sup>re</sup>, both native townsmen of mine.—

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Having served the first of my time in an E.I. merchants office 5 years. at the age of 22–23 I became an E:I: Captain in E. H. Derby Esq<sup>res</sup> employ, and having since that time followed the Sea with a variety of fortune (privateering included) perhaps my habits & manners have become a little more rough than may appear consistent & proper to those not versed in the sea faring life; therefore the Letter for which I apologize has given me some pain—fearing that an unpleasant impression might be made on the mind of a man whom I have “delighted to honour”—never but once saw—and fondly anticipate seeing on my passage to Carolina with my little family which is my present purpose.—

I beg therefore, Sir, that You will excuse me, and in your envious retirement find time to address me a few lines to Care of Gen<sup>l</sup> H. A. S. Dearborn, Boston or Col<sup>o</sup> W<sup>m</sup> R. Lee, Salem, (open for their perusal) both of which Gentlemen have been my friends in time of need.— With the hope that I shall be gratified and my future prospects be verified, I shall remain ever as before Your Mo. Ob. and respectful (young) humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

GAM<sup>l</sup> H. WARD.

P:S: A M<sup>r</sup> Hall advertized last summer in Virginia that he could make 500 bush<sup>s</sup> Salt a day by a new plan which has never yet been made public but seem'd to be approved of by the Editors of the Intelligencer. I Know not his principles but the advertisement led me to conjecture and to form my plan of evaporating the water by the force of Winslow Lewis' Patent (convex) Glasses the power of which may be encreased to almost any extent—say to fire a house in a very quick time: or by Concave Mirrors (if to be obtaind) the force or power of the latter I learnt in the year 1805 at Hamburgh in the worthy professor Ebelings Library; having some Cases of Books from my old friend the Rev. M<sup>r</sup> Bentley for the Professor he invited me to visit the Library and in his private room where stood the Statue of the immortal Klopstock was also a Concave Mirror of (as near as I recollect) 18 to 24 inches diameter, which he told me was an ancient Roman Glass, the power of which he said would set on fire a Ship in a Short time; I turn'd its face to the sun and soon felt the effect in my eyes; the professor hastily threw it back observing that 'twas a dangerous thing to trifle with where materials were not fire proof.—I little thought then or since 'til now that 'twould be of service to me, but it is so, and since my two plans of encreasing the power of the Sun by the effect of Glasses—John Hogg Esq<sup>r</sup> Jus: Pac: of Wilmington, whose study and pleasure seems to be old & new inventions, in conversation explained to me a very speedy method of evaporation by steam

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on Count Rumford's plan of boiling water in a large vessel by means of Steam from a smaller; it struck me very forcibly and I am confident will answer an important object altho' I have not yet proved it—I mean in making fine Salt, as coarse cannot be made except by slow evaporation.—Therefore should M<sup>r</sup> Hall's plan interfere with mine or more properly mine with his, as his is first I shall endeavour to obtain a Patent for one of my three methods, to wit, Convex Glasses. Concave Mirrors or boiling by steam and have no doubt that I shall succeed for my interest, altho' 'twas foreign to my ideas of ever supporting or enriching myself by making Salt instead of doing it as a Shipmaster & Super Cargo.—

I sometimes Sir, wonder for what I was made,—Saltmakers must at any rate owe me gratitude and the public must pay me for it so long as Salt is used and this will ever be; I therefore am confident in saying that I am not a useless member of Society.—And with respect and esteem again subscribe Your very hble & Ob. Serv<sup>t</sup>

GAM<sup>L</sup> H. WARD

PS. Judge Story who has read these Letters tells me the reason of my not receiving an answer to the first, must be Sir, from Your extensive correspondence and your advanced age.—

Ap<sup>l</sup> 23<sup>d</sup>—

G H. W

RC (DLC); endorsed by TJ as received 9 May 1818 and so recorded in SJL. RC (MHi); address cover only; with PoC of TJ to John Steele, 27 July 1818, on verso; addressed: "Hon<sup>ble</sup> Thomas Jefferson Monticello, Virginia"; franked; postmarked (faint) Salem [ ] Apr. Enclosure: Ward to TJ, 20 Jan. 1818.

E.I.: East India. In the Bible, a Persian king DELIGHTED TO HONOUR Mordecai

(Esther 6.6–11). The Washington *Daily National INTELLIGENCER* of 29 Sept. 1817 reprinted an article that appeared five days previously in the Norfolk *American Beacon and Commercial Diary* detailing Everard Hall's recent innovation in the manufacture of salt and indicating that he would seek to patent his discovery (see Hall to TJ, 19 Jan. 1818, and TJ to Hall, 19 Feb. 1818). *Justitia pace (JUS: PAC)* is Latin for "justice of the peace."

## From John Wood

DEAR SIR

Richmond 22<sup>d</sup> April 1818.

Understanding that there will be soon a meeting of the Trustees of the Central College, I beg leave to acquaint you; that in the event of the Trustees not having procured a mathematical Professor, that I should be happy to have the professorship. I regret extremely that I was not more explicit in my answer to your letter last summer on the subject of the classical Professorship. My impressions were, that no mathematical Professorship was to be established, and my state of

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health then, was such, as to dread the superintendance of a number of boys in the Rudiments of Language, which was never a favourite employment with me whereas giving instruction in Mathematics always afforded me pleasure. To have my time exclusively devoted to mathematical science I have always desired; but have never been so fortunate as to obtain a situation of this description. I shall have the survey of the rivers completed during my vacation in August next; and will have no other business to interrupt in future the education of youth.—

Since receiving your letter, upon enquiry I have found, that Gilbert Wakefield is dead, but that his manuscript of a Greek Lexicon was completed and is at present in the hands of a London Bookseller. I have been informed by M<sup>r</sup> Rice a clergyman of this city, that the English & Greek Lexicon a notice of which I observed in some review; was by a M<sup>r</sup> Jones also the author of an English and Greek Grammar.

I have the honour to be with great esteem & respect your obliged servant

JOHN WOOD

RC (DLC); endorsed by TJ as received 6 May 1818 and so recorded in SJL. RC (DLC); address cover only; with PoC of TJ to James Madison, 28 June 1818,

on recto and verso; addressed: "Thomas Jefferson Esq<sup>r</sup> Monticello by Milton"; franked; postmarked Richmond, 23 Apr.

## From John Rhea

Washington 23<sup>d</sup> April 1818

John Rhea, presents the assurance of his respect and Esteem, with the enclosed copy of a Circular letter to Thomas Jefferson Esq<sup>r</sup> late President of the United States—

RC (MHi); endorsed by TJ as received 6 May 1818 and so recorded in SJL. Enclosure: Rhea to his constituents, Washington, 3 Apr. 1818, highlighting the uniqueness of the American republic, the symbiotic relationship between the state and national governments, and the status of the federal constitution as the "great charter"; summarizing United States Treasury receipts and expenditures and the rise of public debt between 1812 and 1818; inferring from a survey of domestic manufactures and imports and exports that the "quantity of domestic produce and manufacture exported from the United States, has (except in the time of the late war) been annually increasing"; commenting

that the passage of an act authorizing the building of additional naval ships and steam batteries will lead to a "strong marine defence in case of future war"; noting that recent Indian removal treaties will result in "Connected settlements . . . from Mobile to Lake Erie, and from Lake Erie north of the river Ohio to Missouri"; reporting passage of an act that helps clear title to former Indian land in Tennessee; observing that the population of the country has increased fivefold since American independence; asserting that the military continues to strengthen and expand; providing a positive view of agriculture, manufacture, commerce, and civil liberties within the nation; and concluding that, as

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a result of the “protecting providence of the Almighty ruler of the universe,” the United States has “become a great nation,” which he prays will continue (printed circular in MHi: Adams Papers; filed with covering letter noted below).

Rhea sent the same CIRCULAR to James Madison on this day. Five days later he enclosed one to Secretary of State John Quincy Adams (Madison, *Papers, Retirement Ser.*, 1:247; Rhea to Adams, 28 Apr. 1818 [MHi: Adams Papers]).

## From Stephen Cathalan

DEAR SIR & MY

TOO KIND PROTECTOR!

Marseilles the 25<sup>th</sup> april 1818—

your most honored Favor of the 18<sup>th</sup> January, Inclosing a Copy of the Letter your So Long Continued Friendship for me dictated to the H<sup>ble</sup> B. W. Crowninshield Sec<sup>ry</sup> of the navy, with one of his answer to you (which you was So Good, as to take the Trouble to transmit me, with & by your Good Friendly Hand) Reached me on the 21<sup>st</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> by an american Vessel arived on that Day, from new york;—

my Heart has been Since it's Receipt, So Deeply oppressed by what I feel! that it is quite Impossible for me to find in any Idiom to my knowledge proper adapted words to Express to you my Everlasting Gratitude, not only for the warm Interest you took in my Behalf in 1815—at the close of the Last U.s. war, near the President, but even Since & more over, when =on Receipt of my Letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> July last, you communicated to him (then at his Seat adjacent yours) the Contents of my Said Letter and of the Papers it contained,<sup>1</sup> Renewing at the Same time your Intercessions in my behalf, on which he was So Good as to declare to you, he Saw nothing in the case to alarm me<sup>2</sup> & to add, that nothing Should, be, in any Event, done to my own Prejudice, without your previous Information on this= &<sup>a</sup> &<sup>a</sup> &<sup>a</sup>

I must now acknowledge to you, my Dear sir, that my Letter of Resignation, had been Influenced by the late transaction, but also by a number of Disagreeable occurences, I had Experienced here, by the Competition of a Few Restless americans unjustly Jealous of me, or my So long holding this office,<sup>3</sup> without any plausible motives<sup>4</sup> on their own Part

it was not then Surprising that with So many contending Interests I was under Some apprehensions of being Dismissed,! as it had been Reported here, Even in Paris, and as I have been Informed by private Letters to me;

on the other hand, I, alone, as I have wrote it, not Long Since, in answer, I was Relying with the greatest Confidence in the Justice of the President and of the Gov<sup>nt</sup> of the U.s. but also (& this I did not

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mention it) on your Friendly Protection, in Stating & Supporting my case to the President!—

but Since you are So Good<sup>5</sup> as to Inform me, that you have thought it due to =the Caracter of the united states for Justice of its officers, to withhold my Letter of Resignation, which is Considered as non avenue that I am allowed to continue my Services, on the assurance that they will be acceptable to the Govern<sup>t</sup> and under the Protection of it's Justice; Since you, the President & the hon<sup>ble</sup> B. W. Crowninshield Secr<sup>y</sup> of the Navy are So<sup>6</sup> Good as to have agreed that the choice is Left to me, either to Continue in office or to Retire from it, on which you are waiting for my Deliberate & Prompt answer;=

after Due Refflexion, I am Convinced that I cannot Give a more Sanguine Proof of the Sense of my Gratitude & obedience towards the U.s. Govern<sup>t</sup> and their members and to you Particularly, than to Declare to you that I owe to it's Justice & benevolence towards me and to my honor, which is dearer to me than my own Existance, that I wish to be Continued Still Longer in this office, and to Postpone to an other time my Second Request thro' you for obtaining Permission to Resign this Consulate,

I owe it also to you, my Dear Sir, who made your Self Responsible for me So Long as I will hold it, & I beg Leave to be assured, that this newly Repeated Proof of Confidence from you in me will Stimulate more & more my zeal to hold it Correctly & Subjoined, quam Diū me bene Gesseris & it will be at the mutual Satisfaction of the Govern<sup>t</sup> and of the Citizens of the united states, I hope!

as to my Friend M<sup>r</sup> Dodge, to whom I have communicated, on Receipt your Letter of January 18 & the Copies it Inclosed & whom I offered to you as my future Successor, Should my Resignation be Granted; he is very Gratefull for all your kind Expressions & wishes, as well as those you transmitted me from the President & the Secretary of the Navy & he is aware, he being now Supported by Such Eminents Protectors, that =the Longer he will continue by his<sup>7</sup> Correct Conduct to merit the Succession, the more Certain he will be, to Receive it at full maturity;= <sup>8</sup>—he Continues to assist me in this Consulate, and as I have mentioned to you, in my Last of the 30<sup>th</sup> March, to our Mutual Satisfaction;—

I have Sent to M<sup>r</sup> sasserno, a Copy of the Paragraph of your Letter Concerning his appoint<sup>mt</sup> as consul of the U.s. at Nice, & I will not fail to Forward you his Gratefull answer for your Goodness towards him, as Soon as it will Reach me;—

I am Sorry to observe that the wines of Rivesaltes & of nice, by the Brig agent of alex<sup>la</sup> W. W. Lewis Master Bound for new-york, had

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not yet Reached you on the 18<sup>th</sup> January, nor my Letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>ber</sup> Inclosing my Invoice for the Same;—as to the wine of Lédenon<sup>9</sup> shipped in 9<sup>bre</sup> on the Brig Benefactor of alex<sup>ia</sup> Bound for alexandria, I hope you will have Soon after the Date of your Said Letter have Received or have heard of it's arival, & the whole at your Satisfaction;

I am Shipping on the Ship Fair Trader of alex<sup>ia</sup> as p<sup>r</sup> your order, 8 Boxes of 24 Bottles Each Red wine of the year 1814 of Bergasse, this Ship is Ready to Sail for Bouque<sup>10</sup> in this Gulph of Lyons, to Compleat her Cargo with Salt, Bound for alexandria; I apprehend that there will not be any other vessels for the cheasapeak in this Port before the end of august next;—<sup>11</sup>[and in order that you may Get your Stock for Your consumption of 1819 before the next winter Sets in.]

I Intend to order & Prepare your Supply in qualities & quantities thereabout the Same, as p<sup>r</sup> your order by yours of 6<sup>th</sup> June 1817—without waiting for your new order & Remittance at your own Convenience;<sup>12</sup> I don't know whether I may at Same time Provide for your Grand Son<sup>13</sup> Th<sup>s</sup> Jef<sup>on</sup> Randolph Esq<sup>r</sup> as I did in Conformity of your Said Letter; but I think I may do it also & if when Ready there is no vessel for the cheasapeak I will Ship it for Philad<sup>ia</sup>, new-york or Boston.

I have the honor to be with great Respect  
Dear sir your most obed<sup>t</sup> & Gratefull Serv<sup>t</sup>

STEPHEN CATHALAN.

Dupl (DLC); at head of text: “2<sup>ta</sup>”; at foot of first page: “Tho<sup>s</sup> Jefferson Esq<sup>r</sup> Monticello”; endorsed by TJ as received 30 July 1818 and so recorded in SJL. RC (DLC); endorsed by TJ as received 1 Sept. 1818 and so recorded in SJL. Enclosed in Cathalan to TJ, 2 May 1818.

A set of extracts from correspondence between Cathalan and Catherine Éléonore Mémoire Fenwick in TJ's papers may have been enclosed by Cathalan in the above letter as examples of PRIVATE LETTERS encouraging his resignation. Fenwick's husband, Joseph Fenwick, was formerly the United States consul at Bordeaux. The extracts begin with a letter from Fenwick dated Paris, 19 Jan. 1818, advising Cathalan that he should resign immediately, perhaps via a letter to the United States minister plenipotentiary in Paris (Albert Gallatin), and indicating

that she had heard complaints about him from sources that she could not disclose. Cathalan's 27 Jan. 1818 reply insisted at considerable length that the accusations against him were groundless and invited Fenwick to communicate to the source of the rumors Cathalan's refusal to consider resigning unless he heard directly from the minister plenipotentiary regarding the purported complaints. Fenwick's response dated Paris, 21 Mar. 1818, confirmed that she had transmitted the information to her acquaintance and expressed her hope for a positive outcome for Cathalan (Trs in MHi; in French; entirely in Cathalan's hand).

NON AVENUE: not having happened, annulled (*OED*). QUAM DIÙ ME BENE GESSERIS is a variation of “quamdiu bene se gesserint”: “as long as they shall conduct themselves properly” (*Black's Law Dictionary*).

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<sup>1</sup>RC: "Inclosed."

<sup>2</sup>Dupl: "me me."

<sup>3</sup>In RC preceding seven words are keyed to their proper point in text with an underscored caret.

<sup>4</sup>Dupl: "Motives plausible motives." RC: "plausible motives."

<sup>5</sup>RC: "kind."

<sup>6</sup>Dupl: "to." RC: "So."

<sup>7</sup>RC here adds "own."

<sup>8</sup>Closing guillemet editorially moved from left margin based on position in RC.

<sup>9</sup>RC here adds "I."

<sup>10</sup>RC: "the Port of Bouc."

<sup>11</sup>Remainder of paragraph, not in Dupl, supplied from RC.

<sup>12</sup>Preceding four words not in RC.

<sup>13</sup>Preceding three words not in RC.

## From Thomas Appleton

SIR

Leghorn 29<sup>th</sup> April 1818—

The unexpected departure of the Brig. Free Ocean Capt: Bartholomew, this day for Phil<sup>a</sup> together with many avocations for the Squadron of Com<sup>o</sup> Stewart now here, allows me only the time to say, that I have shipp'd on board the above mention'd vessel, two Cases cont'g 84 bottles of montepulciano wine, which exactly balances, what you term the "atom," after paying mad<sup>me</sup> mazzei.—It is directed to the Care of J. Steele esq, Collector of Phil<sup>a</sup>.—

accept Sir, the renewal of my high respect

TH: APPLETON

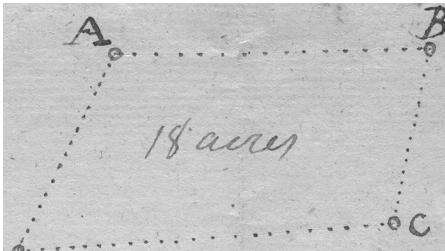
RC (DLC); endorsed by TJ as received 26 July 1818 and so recorded in SJL. RC (MHi); address cover only; with PoC of TJ to Lewis D. Belair, 16 Nov. 1818, on verso; addressed: "Thomas Jefferson esq monticelli Virginia"; stamped

"SHIP"; franked; postmarked Philadelphia, 18 July.

For TJ's reference to the ATOM remaining in Appleton's hands, see TJ to Appleton, 1 Aug. 1817. MAD<sup>ME</sup> MAZZEI: Elisabetta Mazzei Pini.

## Matthew Pate's Survey of Eighteen-Acre Tract Adjacent to Poplar Forest

Ap<sup>l</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1818



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Surveyed for Thomas Jefferson 18 acres of Land (by Virtue of a Land Office Treasury Warrant granted to him the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 1812 for 100 acres & № 4915) Situate in the County of Bedford & Bounded as follows viz Begining at pointers Corner to his own popler forest tract thence along his own lines S 40 $\frac{1}{2}$  E 68 poles to pointers S 62 W 38 poles to Cobbs Corner Red oak thence along his line N 43 $\frac{1}{2}$  W 81 poles to a stake in a line of the Said popler forest tract thence along said line N 75 E 47 poles to the first Station—

MATTHEW PATE S.B.C

NB there being a ballance of 82 acres of the above warrant Still unappropriated<sup>1</sup> it is therefore retaind in my Office for further use.—

MATTHEW PATE S.B.C

MS (Vi: RG 4, Land Office Plats and Certificates); in Pate's hand; docketed in a clerk's hand: "Thomas Jefferson's 18 acres Bedford Rec<sup>d</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1818. G<sup>t</sup> issued 1<sup>st</sup> June 1819 \$2.53 Recorded and Book H page 16"; filed with covering sheet docketed in a clerk's hand: "Platt & Certificate of T. Jeffersons land."

An undated bill from Pate lists the charges for this survey:

"Tho <sup>s</sup> Jefferson to the Sur <sup>er</sup> of	Dr
Bedford	
To making two Locations	
&C.—	\$1.02
To making one Survey 18	
acres—	<u>5.25</u>
	<u>\$6.27</u>

(MS in ViU: TJP; in Pate's hand, with his signature and docket: "Acc' T. Jefferson with M P. SBC"; endorsed by TJ: "Surveyor of Bedford").

TJ received a land grant for this property dated 1 June 1819, which reads "Peter V. Daniel Esq<sup>r</sup> Lieut: Governor of the commonwealth of Virginia To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know Ye that in conformity with a survey made on the thirtieth day of April 1818; by virtue of a Land Office Treasury warrant Number 4915 issued the 27<sup>th</sup> June 1812; there is granted by the said Commonwealth, unto Thomas Jefferson A certain tract or parcel of Land, contain-

ing Eighteen acres situate in the County of Bedford and bounded as followeth to wit: Beginning at pointers corner to his own poplar forest tract thence along his own lines South forty and a half degrees East sixty eight poles to pointers, South sixty two degrees West thirty eight poles to Cobbs corner red oak thence along his line, North forty three and a half degrees West eighty one poles to a stake in a line of the said poplar forest tract, thence along said line North seventy five degrees East forty seven poles to the Beginning, To have and hold the said tract or parcel of Land with its Appurtenances, to the said Thomas Jefferson and his heirs forever. In witness whereof, the said Peter V. Daniel Esq<sup>r</sup> Lieut: Governor of the commonwealth of Virginia hath hereunto set his hand and caused the lesser seal of the said commonwealth to be affixed at Richmond on the first day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Nineteen and of the Commonwealth the forty third" (FC in Vi: RG 4, Land Office Grant Book, 68:139–40; at head of text: "Thomas Jefferson 18 acres Bedford Ex<sup>d</sup>"; with notation in left margin: "October 4<sup>th</sup> 1821. del<sup>d</sup> to M<sup>r</sup> Bernard Peyton." Peyton enclosed a copy of the patent to TJ in a letter of 11 Oct. 1821.

<sup>1</sup>Manuscript: "unapropiated."

# Thomas Eston Randolph's Memorandum on Wheat Delivered to Thomas Jefferson

[April 1818?]

Memo: for Thos Jefferson Esq<sup>re</sup>  
bush<sup>s</sup> lbs

Whole Amount of Wheat deliver'd    1894.12

Bar<sup>s</sup> lb

355.31 Flour equal thereto

710 bush<sup>s</sup> Bran  
177              S. stuff

bar<sup>s</sup> lbs  
349.63 viz<sup>t</sup>

Flour deliver'd on account of wheat crops

1817       Family       shipp'd       Carrier  
bar:              bar:

Sept<sup>r</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1.

Oct<sup>r</sup> 1       .100  
23       7.

Nov<sup>r</sup> 3       50.       W<sup>m</sup> Johnson

18       36       96.       ditto

Dec<sup>r</sup> 3       30.       ditto

22       98

25       25

1818

Jan<sup>y</sup> 19       50.       ditto

Feb<sup>y</sup> 5       107.       ditto  
16.63

349.63              bar<sup>s</sup> lbs  
5.164 due to you      349.63

Rent Flour

1817

Oct<sup>r</sup> 18       43       by T. E. Randolph's boat  
24       7       Sam<sup>l</sup> Howell

1818

Jan<sup>y</sup> 29       50       T. E. Randolph  
100  
100       due, 50 thereof 31 Ult<sup>o</sup>, other 50—  
the 30<sup>th</sup> June next  
200

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MS (MHi); entirely in Randolph's hand; undated, with date conjectured from reference to fifty barrels being due "31 Ult<sup>o</sup>," presumably 31 Mar. 1818. Pos-

sibly enclosed in Randolph to TJ, 1 July 1818.

s. STUFF: "shipstuff."

## To Wilson Cary Nicholas

[DE]AR<sup>1</sup> SIR

Poplar Forest May 1. 18.

I recievied at this place, and yesterday only your favor of the 19<sup>th</sup>. if it has not loitered on the road, it mus[t] have been at Lynchburg with which I have but uncertain communications. were a hesitation possible at the request it contains, it would proceed only from the wish to leave at the close of life as clear a state of things as possible for those who are to come after me; to be able, as they say, to turn key and go, cheerly. but this consideration yields to the desire of rendering you service. I willingly therefore return you the papers you inclosed, with my endorsements, as I shall those which may hereafter, be necessary for their continuance, reposing my self with entire confidence in your care & assurances for you well know that a Virginia farmer has no resource for meeting sudden and large calls for money. the unskilful management of my farms has subjected me to some temporary uneasiness, which better management & better seasons will, I trust, require not more time to relieve than I ma[y] yet expect, and spare me the only pain of unreadiness whic[h] I could feel at the hour of departure. ever & affectionately

Your's

TH: JEFFERSON

PoC (DLC); on verso of Charles Johnston to TJ, [5 Dec. 1817]; edge trimmed; endorsed by TJ. Enclosures not found.

<sup>1</sup>First two letters of word missing due to polygraph malfunction.

## From Stephen Cathalan

DEAR SIR

Marseilles 2<sup>d</sup> of May 1818

Confirming you my here inclosed letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> April ult<sup>o</sup>; this is to remit you herewith the invoice of 8 Boxes containing together 192 Bottl<sup>s</sup> old red wine of Bergasse & one Basket Macaroni, I have Shipped on the Ship Fair Trader,<sup>1</sup> G<sup>ge</sup> Fletcher master, for Alexd<sup>a</sup> to be forwarded to you by the collector of that district, amounting to F 257, 70<sup>c</sup> which please to pass on my credit; you will make me remittance when convenient to you.

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You will observe by that Invoice, that I have Shipped also one boxe  
marked on the top <sup>TJ</sup> SC 9 of 24 Bottles red wine 1814 of Bergasse, which  
I beg you to divide with your Grand Son, reffering you to what I have  
mentioned about it in the Said invoice; I will thank you to give me  
your opinion on that wine after having tasted it.<sup>2</sup> Mr Bergasse has  
offered me Since it is bottled, 50 bottles of the Said wine<sup>3</sup> for 30  
Bottles<sup>4</sup> I would give him in exchange. it is a proof how this wine has  
improved in quality, after having passed<sup>5</sup> the tropick.

The boxes for wine being made to contain<sup>6</sup> only 12 or 24 Bottles I  
could not Send you the exact number of 200 you requested.<sup>7</sup> When I  
ordered that invoice to M<sup>r</sup> Bergasse, in order to Save you the high  
duty on wine in bottles imported in the U.S. great deal higher than  
when imported in cask, I ask'd him one cask of 60 Gallons<sup>8</sup> or 29 to  
30 veltes of that wine of 1814 instead of about 200 bottles for you,  
but he refused it Saying that having but a very Small quantity of that  
years' wine remaining unsold in his celar, he could not Sell it<sup>9</sup> in  
casks, (but only in boxes & bottled) as he did last year to me; even  
Should I pay it to him at the rate of f 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  bottle deducting the cost of  
bottles, Corks &c.<sup>10</sup> you must observe that I paid him that cask (which  
produced to me 290 B<sup>lles</sup>) in May last only F 150. it is true wine has  
risen much Since & I offered him for Such one<sup>11</sup> f 180 with F 10  
more for the doble cask; he added that he was also apprehensive it  
would not be properly bottled on the Spot of Consumption &<sup>ca</sup> which  
would of course hurt the reputation of this<sup>12</sup> wine.<sup>13</sup> as you must have  
a<sup>14</sup> quantity of empty bottles,<sup>15</sup> I intend in my first invoice to Send  
you one cask of his wine 1817. which<sup>16</sup> is the best year we have Since  
10 years for the good quality of wine & you will See after bottled in  
your celar how it will improve<sup>17</sup> one or two years after, not accounting  
how much money you will Save in receiving it in Cask.—after having  
experienced a dryness Since june 1816, in this corner of Europe  
which threatened to distroy<sup>18</sup> not only the crops of corn, wine, olive<sup>19</sup>  
&<sup>ca</sup> but also<sup>20</sup> the vineyard, olive & fig trees, since the 20<sup>th</sup> Ult<sup>o</sup> we  
have at last abundant & nourishing<sup>21</sup> Showers of rain which have  
Saved our pending crops with appearance of plantifull one, as well as  
our vineyard & fruit trees. our Springs exauasted begin to run again &  
the country around Marseilles is beautyfull indeed now

I have the honor to be very respectfully dear Sir

Your obedient & very humble Servant<sup>22</sup>

STEPHEN CATHALAN.

Dupl (MHi); in a clerk's hand, with corrections and signature by Cathalan; at head of text: "Duplicata"; at foot of first page: "Th<sup>s</sup> Jefferson Esq<sup>r</sup> &c &c"; with

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Dupl of second enclosure conjoined; endorsed by TJ as received 30 July 1818 and so recorded in SJL. RC (MHi); with MS of second enclosure conjoined; endorsed by TJ as received 1 Sept. 1818 and so recorded in SJL. Enclosure: Cathalan to TJ, 25 Apr. 1818. Other enclosure printed below.

The customs COLLECTOR at Alexandria was Charles Simms. YOUR GRAND SON: Thomas Jefferson Randolph.

<sup>1</sup>Dupl: "Treader." RC: "Trader."

<sup>2</sup>RC begins new paragraph here.

<sup>3</sup>RC here adds "1814—of the 8 Boxes I have Shipped for you."

<sup>4</sup>Dupl: "Bottes." RC: "Bottles."

<sup>5</sup>RC here adds "thro or under."

<sup>6</sup>Dupl: "countain." RC: "contain."

<sup>7</sup>RC here adds "from me."

<sup>8</sup>Dupl: "Galloons." RC: "Gallons."

<sup>9</sup>RC here adds "put up."

<sup>10</sup>Instead of preceding word, RC reads "Boxes & packing."

<sup>11</sup>RC here adds "for you."

<sup>12</sup>Instead of preceding word, RC reads "his Choiced."

<sup>13</sup>RC begins new paragraph here.

<sup>14</sup>RC here adds "large."

<sup>15</sup>RC here adds "at your Seat."

<sup>16</sup>Dupl: "wich." RC: "which."

<sup>17</sup>Instead of preceding word, RC reads "Turn Good."

<sup>18</sup>Instead of preceding two words, RC reads "of loosing."

<sup>19</sup>RC here adds "figs."

<sup>20</sup>Instead of preceding word, RC reads "of destroying."

<sup>21</sup>Dupl: "last abundant & nurishing." RC: "Least, abundant & nourishing."

<sup>22</sup>Instead of preceding six words, RC reads "your most obed<sup>t</sup> & devoted Serv<sup>t</sup>."

#### E N C L O S U R E

#### Invoice of Items Shipped

Invoice of Sundries Shipped by order for the account & risk of Thom<sup>s</sup> Jefferson Esq<sup>r</sup> at Monticello Virg<sup>a</sup> on board the american Ship Fair Trader<sup>1</sup> of Alexend<sup>a</sup> Georg<sup>e</sup> Fletcher master Bound for Alexd<sup>a</sup> Virg<sup>a</sup> & to be consigned to the Collector of the district at Alexandria Viz—

T.J.	Eight boxes of 24 bottles each red wine 1814 Bergasse Bordeaux	
S.C.	claret Fashon containing together:	
	192 Bottles a f 1 ℥ Bottle	F 192
"	one basket Macaroni of Naples Weighing Mars <sup>le</sup> old weight # 102 net à f 53.50 <sup>c</sup> ℥ 100#	54 57
TJ	one box of 24 bottles red wine Bergasse provening from	
SC n° 9	one cask, I Sent in d <sup>ble</sup> Cask to Senegal in may last as a trial, in order to be returned to me, as it is reported that when the claret has passed twice <sup>2</sup> the tropick is great deal improved this cask on return here has proved So. the 24 bottles to be divided between Th <sup>s</sup> Jefferson & his grand Son Randolph Jefferson Esq <sup>r</sup>	
	Charges	246 57
	Export duty on the wine	4 65
	D <sup>to</sup> on the Macaroni	76
	Portage & Craftage of the Whole	3 12
	Canvas & packing of Macaroni	2 60
	Errors Excepted	11 13
		<u>F 257 70</u>

Marseilles the 28<sup>th</sup> of April 1818

STEPHEN CATHALAN.

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Dupl (MHi); in a clerk's hand, signed by Cathalan; adjacent to signature in Cathalan's hand: "¶ 2<sup>ta</sup>"; conjoined with Dupl of covering letter. MS (MHi); in

Cathalan's hand; conjoined with RC of covering letter.

<sup>1</sup>Dupl: "Treader." MS: "Trader."

<sup>2</sup>MS here adds "thro."

## To John Wayles Eppes

DEAR SIR

Poplar forest May 3. 18.

I set out from this place for Monticello tomorrow morning and shall leave this letter at Flood's. I have engaged Francis's board with mr Dashiell himself, who takes only three others. Francis will be much pleased with the family, which is a very genteel one, and they live well as I saw by going in upon them at their dinner unexpectedly. he is an excellent teacher as I judged, at his examination, by the progress and correctness of three boys particularly who had begun with him at Christmas. he desired me to give him what directions I pleased as to Francis and he would exactly observe them; but not knowing what progress he had made this last winter in Greek particularly, I could only desire him provisionally that if Francis had done with the Greek testament, to put him into the Cyropedia of Xenophon rather than Lucian. if he has not one, mr Yancey will get it for him at Cottom's bookstore in Lynchburg as I leave directions for his being furnished there with any books he will have occasion for. he should bring his Bezout with him, as mr Dashiell is a good mathematician, and will teach him every branch of Arithmetic, Algebra, & Geometry as far as he chuses. an Euclid also if he has one. Dashiell is a strict, but rational disciplinarian. at his examination I observed a medal given as a premium to a youth who had excelled in the observation of order, decorous conduct, & respect to his teacher. this premium I am in hopes to see Francis obtain at the next examination. he is to find his own bed & bedding. as I have nothing of that kind here but the strict necessary, he will have to bring a mattras & bed clothes. I direct mr Yancey to have a trussel bedstead made, as that would be heavy to bring, and to let it be only 3. feet wide that he may not have to take in a bedfellow which is so apt to render the propagation of the itch so general at schools. I hear nothing of it here, but at Dr Carr's school it is the pest of the neighborhood, and we are kept in eternal dread of it at Monticello. his whole school lodges in one room.

I have not yet received the subscription paper I sent you yet it is very essential we should know what our funds are. but I inclose you another paper equally essential, which is an authority, to be signed by every subscriber to the College, enabling the visitors and Proctor to

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transfer the whole property of the College to the President and directors of the literary fund, on the condition that the University is fixed at the Central college. this in fact is only authorising them to receive from the public a subscription of 15,000 D. a year to the same institution to which they have subscribed. I must request your active attention, dear Sir, to this paper as it's early return to me is very important; & to send me also the subscription paper. the general inattention to the return of these has already thrown us back a year for a 3<sup>d</sup> professorship, as we could not engage for building until we were sure of the funds. there is a possibility of opening our grammar school in July, but perhaps not till winter. the uncertainty as to the incorporation of the University with our college checks our operations much. I forgot to mention that mr Dashiell's school is now in vacation till the 1<sup>st</sup> of June, by which day Francis should be here. he had better go on his arrival to mr Yancey's who will do whatever is necessary for him. I shall be here myself within 3. weeks from that time. if Francis is not better employed at home during this month, we should be happy to see him at Monticello, where learning his progress I could better advise mr Dashiell as to his course. ever & affect<sup>ly</sup> yours.

TH: JEFFERSON

RC (Mrs. Francis Eppes Shine, Los Angeles, 1946; photocopy in ViU: TJP); at foot of first page: "M<sup>r</sup> Eppes." PoC (CSmH: JF); on reused address cover of Bernard Peyton to TJ, 27 Nov. 1817 (see note to Francis Brooke to TJ, 27 Nov. 1817); edge trimmed; endorsed by TJ.

TRUSSEL: a variant of "trestle" (*OED*).  
The enclosed copy of the PAPER EQUALLY

ESSENTIAL has not been found, but it is quoted in full in the 27 July 1818 Deed to the President and Directors of the Literary Fund. The PROCTOR was Nelson Barksdale.

A missing letter of 15 May 1818 from Eppes to TJ is recorded in SJL as received 4 June 1818 from Mill Brook.

## From Patrick Gibson

SIR

Richmond 4<sup>th</sup> May 1818

Not having received the order from M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> J Randolph as I expected by last mail, I obtained permission of the Cashier to draw the money, engaging to furnish him with the order in a few days—and have been endeavouring in vain to procure a check, or dft to remit to M<sup>r</sup> Vaughan, I have therefore written to that Gentleman on the subject, requesting him to draw upon me for \$1000. on your account, and have forwarded him your letter—M<sup>r</sup> Thomas E Randolph has paid me \$313.50, on your acco<sup>t</sup> in lieu of 38 bls: S:f: flour at 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ \$—

With much respect I am

Your ob<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

PATRICK GIBSON