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From John Barnes

DEAR SIR—

George Town 18th June 1811—

I am without any of your favors since that of the 4th April— Answered the 15th—on the 25th I had the Honor of inclosing to you M^{rs} Beckleys letter to me, respecting her Brothers unfortunate situation, since when nothing has transpired on that Acco^t—

M^r Barry called on me 21st Ult^o (since Married) when I paid him the \$100— Mess^{rs} G & J. remitted me, Over and above, your \$360. Int on Gen^l K. a/c

I have some thoughts of making a short Tour the insuing M^o to Philad^a (health permitting¹) which of late I have not—as heretofore injoyed.—no Unusual² complaint (save weakness—&^c—the Natural affect, of advandc Age.)³—

as I expect to be—in Philad^a Middle July should you have any particular Commands—I should with pleasure Attend to them,—as well, whilst there—receive—via your Order—the good Gen^ls 6 M^os dividend due 1st July—

I am Anxiously expecting to hear of your last years remittance to him—being safe in his Brokers hands—as well the present years—now—on its passage—

with great Respect, I am, Dear Sir, your most Obed^t servant

JOHN BARNES.

RC (ViU: TJP-ER); at foot of text: “Th: Jefferson Esq^r Monticello Virg^a”; endorsed by TJ as received 27 June 1811 and so recorded in SJL.

Barnes to TJ, 25 Apr. 1811). G & J.: Gibson & Jefferson. K. A/C: Tadeusz Kosciuszko’s account current.

Maria Prince Beckley’s UNFORTUNATE brothers included Isaac Prince (Beckley to Barnes, 21 Apr. 1811, enclosed in

¹ Manuscript: “permitting.”

² Manuscript: “Unusual.”

³ Omitted closing parenthesis editorially supplied.

and this morning mr Salmonds begins the stone-work. he will get to the spring of the arch this evening, or tomorrow morning before you can reach this from mr Madison's. I must pray you therefore to be with us tomorrow forenoon, the earlier the better. on arriving at the Pier head you will find your attendants on the spot, the same who attend Salmonds, as he must stop his work till you have turned the arch for him to proceed on. the mortar is there, ready made, the bricks & sand on the spot, and I shall probably be there myself. I must beseech you therefore not to fail us an hour, as besides Salmonds' work being stopped, I wait only for this job to be done to set out for Bedford, from whence I must be back to the beginning of our harvest. Accept my best wishes.

TH: JEFFERSON

PoC (ViU: TJP); at foot of text: "Mr Hugh Chisolm"; endorsed by TJ.

TJ kept a brief memorandum indicating that Chisholm "began to work with his negro boy 1811. May 7. or 8. plaistering the cisterns," that he finished 24 May, and that from "June 19. to 23." he "worked on the pier head" (MS in MHi, entirely in TJ's hand; on a small scrap;

undated). In his Farm Book TJ noted completion of his mill's new pierhead this month, and that "it's floor is 9 f below the spring of the brick arch, and 10 f 2 I. below the crown of the arch" (Betts, *Farm Book*, pt. 1, 106). At this time Chisholm was also helping to renovate James Madison's Montpelier (Madison, *Papers, Pres. Ser.*, 3:318–9).

From John Martin Baker

SIR,

Palma. Island of Majorca June 19th 1811—

I have the Honor to Enclose herewith a packet delivered to me at Cagliari by the professor Director General of His Sardinian Majesty's Cabinet of Natural History, at Said place, which accompanies a Box Containing Natural Petre productions of the mentioned Island—which will be forwarded to you sir, by William R Lee Esq^e Collector at Salem—who will at the same time Send on One quarter Cask Albaflor Wine—One Bag Soft shell almonds 76.lb majorca weight, and One Box Olives: all which I hope may come Safe to hand, and I shall be particularly gratified that you approve of them—this opportunity Sir, is the very first, and the only direct one, from this Island to the United States, since my last return to my Station from America—per the first next that may offer I will not fail to remit

port—Consular Vacancy, I pray You Sir, to hold me in view, and intercede in my behalf with His Excellency The President—
M^{rs} Baker desires me sir, to present you her most Respectful Compliments—and I have the Honor to be, with the Highest Respect & Gratitude

Sir Your most obedient humble servant

JOHN MARTIN BAKER.

SIR,

I am just informed, that the Consular office of Tripoly is vacant. If it be a truth, I pray you sir, to intercede for me for the appointment: & I beg leave to add, that I am conversant with the *lengua-franca*—now commonly used in Affrica, by the Cheifs &^c—

RC (MHi); at foot of text: “To The Most Honorable Thomas Jefferson &^c &^c Monticello Virginia”; endorsed by TJ as received 15 Sept. 1811 and so recorded in SJL. Enclosure: Leonardo de Prunner to TJ, 15 Mar. 1810.

NATURAL PETRE PRODUCTIONS: in this context, mineral specimens. TJ COMMISSIONED Baker to send him goods from Majorca on 25 July 1809. George Davis had recently resigned his CONSULAR office at Tripoli for health reasons (Madison, *Papers, Pres. Ser.*, 4:54–5n).

From Charles L. Bankhead

DEAR SIR

Port Royal June 20th–11

I have recieved yours of the 10 June for which both my father and myself render you our gratefull acknowledgements. he thanks you sincerely for the information you have given him of Mr: Shorts intention to sell his land & to be remember,d by you will ever impose a debt of gratitude upon me, a debt which my heart most liberally repays. I should have answerd you before this, but for the expectation of saying to you in person, what I now do by letter. Mr: Radford of Lynchburgh¹ has lately written me on the subject of our land in Bedford, and express,d a strong desire to become a purchaser; supposing him acquainted with the price, Mr: Clay having promised to make that known, I had determined to set out immediately for Lynchburgh. As you are lately from the forest I should be obliged to you for any information you may have collected, as to the chances of finding a purchasor. Mr: Radford requests me to fix a price. I must

improving &c. I wish indeed that there was a house on the place with some little improvements about it, for those are circumstances which I believe would make highlanders of us all. I am happy to hear Colo. Randolph is likely to succeed with the mill. I always thought from the adjacency of his farm, that the advantages resulting from the lease would be greater [to]² him than to any other tenant. My warmest regards to Mr: & Mrs Randolph[h] and believe me my dear sir to be yours very affectionately
CHAS: L BANKHEAD

RC (Robert Hill Kean, on deposit ViU: Thomas Mann Randolph's Edgehill TJP); edge trimmed; at foot of text: "Mr: FARM was located close to TJ's Shadwell Jefferson"; endorsed by TJ as received 7 Mill. July 1811 and so recorded in SJL.

TJ was last at Poplar FOREST between 30 Jan. and 28 Feb. 1811 (*MB*, 2:1263).

¹ Manuscript: "Lynchburgh."

² Omitted word editorially supplied.

From George Jefferson

DEAR SIR

Richmond 20th June 1811

I inclose an acc^t of the sales of 547 bbls of your flour, together with your acc^t current to this day, the last shewing a balance against you of \$:2671. $\frac{40}{100}$.—Deducting this sum from the 5800\$ obtained from the bank, (which is partly to be paid off with Harrisons dft, and the balance to be continued) leaves \$:3128. $\frac{60}{100}$ for which you are to draw.— You can likewise if you think proper draw for the probable amount of 54 barrels of flour received within these few days from Lynchburg; which I have not been able to sell, although very anxious to do so, both from a wish to close the sales of the whole together, and from a fear of holding it at this advanced season of the year, lest it should spoil. I suppose however that it has been but lately manufactured, and will therefore be safe for a short time at any rate. At present there is no demand whatever: no one will purchase except at a price greatly under the value—sales of small parcels having been made as low as \$:8. $\frac{1}{4}$.

I inclose a note for your signature, for renewal in the bank.—I have filled it up with 3000\$ as being a round sum.—if you prefer any other, you will of course make the necessary alteration. you will see from the date, when it will be wanted.

I am Dear Sir Your very humble serv^t

GEO. JEFFERSON

RC (MHi); between signature and postscript: "Thomas Jefferson esq^r"; endorsed by TJ as received 23 June 1811 and so recorded in SJL. Enclosures not found.

SJL records a missing letter of 17 June 1811 from TJ to Jefferson.

To Peter Minor

June. 20. 11.

Th: Jefferson presents his compliments to mr Peter Minor and sends him a bottle of oil of the last expression, in the wooden press placed under the beam of the cyder press. it's colour shews it preferable to the Iron press; and the ease with which this press is made is a further encouragement to the culture of the Benni. Th:J. will not make seed this year, owing to his having sowed it with a drill which covered it too deep.

RC (ViU: TJP); dateline at foot of text; addressed: "M^r Peter Minor Ridgeway." Not recorded in SJL.

From Robert Wash

D^r SIR

St Louis June 20th 1811—

Your letter of the 11th may reached me by the last mail: from which I learn with considerable regret, that M^r Crafts changed the resolution he had formed, of passing by Monticello on his return to New York. That Gentleman's politeness & intelligence would have been an excuse for the haste & apparent negligence with which I had ventured to address you. From your letter, I am led further to conclude, that the N^{os} of the Louisiana Gazette containing a sketch of this country have never reached you. The News Papers containing those numbers could not be conveniently enclosed, and were therefore, entrusted to M^r C,— who promised to deliver them in person. It was that you might read M^r Breckenridge's remarks with more satisfaction, that induced me to submit to your inspection such an appology for a map.

I herewith enclose you seven N^{os} & will forward the rest in the course of a week or two. The Author I fear, has been rather too

tablishments in this country So very defective, that we seldom get any thing like News. All is old before it reaches us.—The report of an engagement off the Capes of Virginia (which reached us by last nights Mail) has excited a lively interest in every class of people. The only wish expressed is, that it may be true.—

There are between 3 & 4 hundred men engaged in hunting on the head waters of the Missouri & Columbia, who meet with little or no opposition from the Indians.—A letter from M^r Bradburry received a few days since, informs us that he was within two or three days Journey of the Mandan Villages. He has sent down a number of valuable minerals & Indian curiosities, with a view to have them forwarded to his friends in Europe. I am truly sorry, that the scientific labours of such a man as M^r Bradberry should depend upon Europe for their Just reward.—

Col. John Smith & F Morehead, Gentlemen of capital & great enterprise, left this place about ten days since, with 97 men to form an establishment at the lead mines on the Mississipi, about 40 miles this side of Prairie de Chien. It is expected that by the next winter, there will [be]¹ 8 hundred or a thousand men engaged in raising mineral.—

we have had almost incessant rains for the last three months. Since the 1st of Feb^{ry} thirty five & a $\frac{1}{4}$ inches of water have fallen.—

with the most sincere respect & esteem y^{rs} &C R: WASH

P.S. The Potash, made in the manufactories which have been lately established at the U.S.'s Saline & other salt furnaces in this country, has been found to be so strongly impregnated with Marine acid as entirely to destroy it's utility. If a method could be suggested by which the M.A. might be seperated in the process, or its effects neutralized the labour of industrious w^d be richly reward & the public greatly benifits R: WASH

RC (DLC); addressed: "Thomas Jefferson Monticello Virginia"; endorsed by TJ as received 21 July 1811 and so recorded in SJL.

Henry Marie Brackenridge's REMARKS appeared in the 31 Jan., 7–28 Feb., 7–21 Mar., 4–25 Apr., and 20–27 June 1811 issues of the weekly Saint Louis *Louisiana*

Gazette. He revised and republished them in his *Views of Louisiana; together with a journal of a voyage up the Missouri River, in 1811* (Pittsburgh, 1814; Sowerby, no. 4162).

MARINE ACID: muriatic, or hydrochloric, acid (*OED*).

¹ Omitted word editorially supplied.

ket & sold. it now enables me to inclose you a draught on Mess^{rs} Gibson & Jefferson of Richmond for fifty nine dollars 74. Cents, the balance due according to the statement in my letter of Apr. 4. & your answer. I inclose you D^r Everett's account for his attendance on the negro man, and Lewis's account for board & nursing with the award of the arbitrators to whom it was submitted by consent, and the receipt for the money. Accept the assurances of my great esteem & respect

TH: JEFFERSON

PoC (MHi); at foot of text: "Gen^l W^m Chamberlayne"; endorsed by TJ. Enclosure: TJ's Account with Charles Everette, [ca. 23 Feb. 1810], enclosed in Everette to TJ, 1 Nov. 1810. Other enclosures not found.

Chamberlayne's missing ANSWER to TJ's letter of 4 Apr. 1811 is not recorded in SJL. The NEGRO MAN was Tom Buck, a slave TJ had rented from an estate managed by Chamberlayne and who had suffered a severe case of frostbite (TJ to Chamberlayne, 17 Aug. 1810).

To Charles Everette

DEAR DOCTOR

Monticello June 24. 11.

My funds lying all in Richmond, I inclose you an order on Mess^{rs} Gibson & Jefferson of that place for 42. D 20 c the balance of your account. but should it not be convenient to you to recieve the money in Richmond, I will on your intimation call for it by the first post. will you be so good as to sign the inclosed paper & return it to me by the bearer to be transmitted to Gen^l Chamberlayne who, acting as executor for the estate of which the negro man was a part, informs me he must produce vouchers for the passing of his accounts. I hope you are recovering fast from the consequences of your fall. our good cherries are all gone, or we should have repeated the sending them. none remain but a few Morellas, too sour to be eaten. but if they would be acceptable they are at your service. Accept the assurances of my great esteem & respect

TH: JEFFERSON

PoC (MHi); at foot of text: "D^r Everett"; endorsed by TJ. Enclosures not found, but see Everette to TJ, 1 Nov. 1810, and enclosure.

William Chamberlayne was the EXECUTOR of Lyne Shackelford's estate.

The NEGRO MAN was Tom Buck. TJ had cultivated morello cherries (MORELLAS) at Monticello since 1778. These late-season sour cherries were commonly used for pies, preserves, or brandy (Hatch, *Fruit Trees*, 95, 97–8; Betts, *Garden Book*, 75, 82n).

late list of Post offices, which was transmitted without my knowledge and in consequence of my suggesting a determination to furnish you, as I now do, by the volume herewith transmitted, a complete view of the present state of this Department.

Ever your friend

G GRANGER

RC (DLC); in a clerk's hand, signed by Granger; at foot of text: "Thomas Jefferson Esqr late President of the United States"; endorsed by TJ as received 30 June 1811 and so recorded in SJL. Enclosure: *Table of Post Offices in the United States, with their distances from Washing-*

ton City, and the names of the post-masters (Washington, 1811).

TJ's brief NOTE from Monticello, 7 June 1811, thanked Granger for "his new pamphlet of the Post offices" and described it as "a most valuable Manual" (PoC at DLC; endorsed by TJ).

To George Jefferson

DEAR SIR:

Monticello June 24. 11

Yours¹ of the 20th was recieved yesterday inclosing my account balance² 3128.60³ and the estimated amount of 54. Barrels flour unsold, to be drawn for—there should be still⁴ near 50. Barrels more to be recieved from Bedford. In consequence of your permission I am drawing on you as follows:

Dr. Everett of ⁵ Charlottesville	42.20
Gen.l Wm. Chamberlayne of N. Kent	59.74 ⁶
Jones & Howell Phila.	500. ⁷
James Lyle	1000.
D. Higginbotham	<u>1500.</u>
	3101.94 ⁸

all those will present draughts, except Jones & Howell whom I inform by letter that you will⁹ be so good as to remit them 500 Dol. immediately, which I must pray you to do. besides the order to D. Higginbotham, I give him one on you for the proceeds of the 7 hhd's tob. sent from this place whenever you shall have sold it. they are supposed¹⁰ to yield something upwards of 12,000 weight. if it is not too troublesome,¹¹ I will ask to know what has been the fate of the single hhd of tobo sent last, the overseer who made it, solliciting me to¹² enquire, as he supposes it much superior to that which went from another plan-

P.S. I returned the note for the bank signed at 3000D.

Tr (TJ Editorial Files); typescript by Isaac Mendoza Book Co., New York, 1941; between signature and postscript: "Mr. Jefferson."

SJL records letters of 24 June 1811 from TJ to JONES & HOWELL and to David HIGGINBOTHAM, not found, as well as Higginbotham's missing reply to TJ of 25 June 1811, received from Milton the same day.

¹ Typescript: "Upirs."

² Typescript: "balanxe."

³ Typescript: "3124.60." Correct figure supplied from Jefferson to TJ, 20 June 1811.

⁴ Typescript: "atill."

⁵ Typescript: "pf."

⁶ Typescript: "59.70." Correct figure supplied from *MB*, 2:1266, and TJ to Chamberlayne, 24 June 1811.

⁷ Typescript: "200." Correct figure supplied from *MB*, 2:1266.

⁸ Typescript: "3101.90."

⁹ Typescript: "wull."

¹⁰ Typescript: "suppose."

¹¹ Punctuation corrected from period by Editors.

¹² Typescript: "ti."

¹³ Thus in typescript.

To James Lyle

DEAR SIR

Monticello June 24. 11.

The process of getting my flour to market from Bedford and this place, and of getting it sold, has been slower than I had hoped. it is now so far effected as to enable me to inclose you an order on Gibson & Jefferson for one thousand Dollars. I shall not fail to make as great an exertion from my future crops as they will enable me to do for the completion of the paiment of my debt to you. 3000.D. still unpaid in the bank will cramp me the ensuing spring, but that once discharged, I shall be able to make a close of this long indulged debt. I remark what you say of Edward Bolling's debt to me, assigned to you, & that you have to sue him for his father's debt. I beseech you to add mine to his debt to you so that it may be comprehended in the recovery, or I shall lose it. this letter shall secure you against being accountable to me for it, unless you recover it from him. wishing you a continuance of life and health, I add the assurance of my continued affection & respect

TH: JEFFERSON

PoC (MHi); at foot of text: "James Lyle esq."; endorsed by TJ. Enclosure not found.

for the Sithes with a line concening Bens absence from the Conmll¹ my family informed me that he wanted an answer which I now prseed to give I stoped Ben for the purpose of assisting about planting the Tobacco tryd to find Fill also but could not this was done in conciquence of finding that the seasson would be gone before I could get done unless I raised all the hands I could & then to hurrey them another reason why I did so is notwithstanding I am doing your bisness for a certain sum feel it much more my intrest to make you a good crop than a sorry one & that I feel a greater regard for my Character than I do for only this one years wages & I hope it will be no offence if I further observe that if you cant see it I plainly can that the way your matters are at present planed you are to loose wheet considerably after you have read this I am perfectly willing that you Should do as you see cause I can but do as well as I can

am Sir Sincerely your well wisher

W^M MCG^EHEE

RC (MHi); dateline at foot of text; addressed: "Con^l Jefferson"; endorsed by TJ as an undated letter received 24 June 1811; with notes by TJ on verso:

"wages for 1811	£65-0-0	
12. geese	}	2-2-0
2. turkies		
3½ doz. eggs	1-9	
	67-3-9	
By 70. lb beef	1-0-5	
	66-3-4"	

and his calculations of the dollar equivalent of this sum. On 6 Apr. 1812 TJ settled his account with McGehee by giving him an order on Gibson & Jefferson for

\$220.56, the dollar equivalent of £66.3.4 (MB, 2:1275).

McGehee was gathering wood to construct cradle scythes (SITHES), a tool larger than the common scythe that was used to harvest heavier crops such as wheat and barley. TJ's LINE to McGehee is not recorded in SJL and has not been found. FILL: Phill Hubbard.

A missing letter from McGehee to TJ of 13 Mar. 1812 is recorded in SJL as received from Columbia on 19 Mar. 1812.

¹ Abbreviation for "Corn mill."

From George Jefferson

DEAR SIR

Richmond 27th June 1811

I have sold your last 54 barrels of flour to W^m M^cKenzie at 8.½ & 9\$. (5 barrels being fine only)¹ on a credit of 60 days, his note to be endorsed by Jn^o Lesslie.—For the reasons before assigned you will be pleased to consider this likewise as a Cash sale.

I am Dear Sir Your Very humble serv^t

GEO. JEFFERSON

uments for which no text is known to survive. The Editors generally account for such material at documents that mention them or at other relevant places. Exceptions are accounted for below.

From John Stewart, "the pedestrian," undated. Recorded in SJL as received 25 Aug. 1811.

From Jonathan Robinson, 6 Feb. 1812. Recorded in SJL as received from Washington on 23 Feb. 1812.

From William Johnson, 24 Feb. 1812. Recorded in SJL as received 28 Feb. 1812.

From Charles Bizet, 5 Mar. 1812. Recorded in SJL as received from Montpellier on 6 Mar. 1812.

From Robert Bell, 16 Mar. 1812. Recorded in SJL as received from Charlottesville on 16 Mar. 1812.

