

May 3, 1801

Sir

Washington May 3. 1801.

your favor of Mar. 23. was put into my hands just as I was se-
ting out on a short visit to Monticello, from which place I soon returned
only three days ago. Then I hope will apologize for the tardy info of
my acknowledging the receipt of it, together with my thanks for the book it
contained. I should be glad to see a new & better edition of it, and that
it should be made without any alterations by the author. as it is, ...
contains sound & valuable principles, from which he never it's an ill
has lamentably swerved in his doctrine & conduct in publick life. so
that the earliest & not the latest edition of this book, will, I am per-
suaded, be longest approved, second the author revise them
accept assurances of my esteem & regd.

Thos Jefferson

Mr. James Magoffin

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and in May I at first time took up 20.000 pence wages
in account and ready hand cash, allowing all their bills to be paid.
I then had all my wages till April 8 until April 20th when
I had all my dues for M. Miller, so I require all payment to be
sett down to my master until I was a man & had no master. Now
is this. When all my advances were turned down at Gads in
all my due time it did not, however, release me from service
as I had nothing to sustain myself and as Gads paid me not
one cent since April 20th until my master settled all his debts as all my
wages were taken all away, and so I have been
ever since.

Magnolia Inn. May 3, 1801.

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