Sir

Paris December 18th 1785

since my Having the Honor of seing your Excellency, I waited on Mr Barkley our Consul and Minister the Nature of my Business here, he seemd to give very little Hope, and thought as I now do, it would be my best way to Return home to America, I must confess when I Embarkd on this Business, I had the most Sanguine Expectations of Success, it has proved Otherways. when I left Holland I Remited Money to aid me here, which I Was bound to pay on my Arrival in France, they have drawn on me in Consequence, and I have taken up the Bills by paying them, which has left me Without a Livre, I thinkd this Circumstance to our Consul, who thought I had best Apply to your Excellency. Here my feelings are put to the torture but Cruel Necessity must plead my Excuse, I have no Alternative, that can with Propriety be solicited. It is true I Have the Honor to be known

— to some of the first Caracters in this Kingdom, some of whom I have granted favours to, but at the time, I thought myself Amply paid by having the Honor to serve them, I should be very loath at this late period to Recapitulate the Subject, I have the Record of the Circumstance by me which your Excellency may see if you chuse, this Action is not alone during my long Service on this side the Water, I have saved a Number of my Countrymen and Particularly of the State of Virginia, A Mr. George Mason Son of Coll Mason Gunston Hall Caprain & Mr. Brokes and our Unhappy friend Mr. Fendy to some amount, all these Circumstances Captain Jones has seen and your Excellency may, if you Chuse, at the same time permit to Observe, I Claim no Merit I ask no thanks I know them Executors at home And I hope for long to be there in the Western Region, I am to beg your Excellency

Pardon
for this long Detail, and have only to ask your
kindly Aid with as much as will get me along
to Detroit not as a Donation, but to be Repaid
With Honor and Thanks to your Excellency Draw
this Granted your Excellency will Confer an
Obligation that Shall always be Considered
With the truest Sense of Gratitude

I Have the Honor to be with the
Greatest Respect Your Excellency.

Most Ob.

Very Humble Servt

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