

Dear Sir

Monticello July 2.24.

I took the liberty some time last fall of placing Mr Duane your notice, should any thing occur adapted to his qualifications, and to his situation, which I understood to be needy in the extreme. His talents and information are certainly great, ~~and~~ the services he rendered us when we needed them, and his personal sacrifices and sufferings were signal and efficacious, and left on us a moral duty not to forget him under misfortune. His subsequent aberrations were after we were too strong to be injured by them.

I have lately received a letter from him, which I inclose because it will better shew his prospects of distress and anxieties for relief than any thing I could say. Whether the latter may too much influence his reasonable hopes, you are the proper judge. If they do, his former merits will still claim a recollection on any proper occasion which may occur. I perform a duty in communicating his wish; yours will be to weigh it in its relations to the public service.

I congratulate you on the return of repose after a campaign so agitating as the late one. Your nephew, who was so kind as to call on me a day or two ago, gave me hopes we should see you here during the summer or early autumn. I have a visit to Bedford in contemplation, the time of which is quite immaterial; and could I previously know when that of your visit to Albemarle will probably be, I should so arrange mine as not to miss the pleasure of seeing you here. I salute you with sincere and affectionate respect.

W. Jefferson



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