

London June 21st 1785

The Rev. Mr W. Witherspoon
when he did me the favor to lodge
a memorial & copies of the correspondence
The Committee of Safety &
between you & once worthy Esteem friend
Mr Spruce of Gosport Virginia who
you well know fell a martyr to Tyranny
& oppression! Not having had the Honor
of an answer from you, & hearing you are
now in Harris? I take the liberty thro' Mr
Adams's Collection to trouble you wth other
copies? for sent those sent under Dr Witherspoon's
Love, & Recommendation, have this carried
begging your candid opinion? If I, or my
poor Ingrateful Son thro' childish Delusion
may venture to go to Virginia? & claim our
Natural Possession? which by the latest acts
we sent a statute in the hands of ^{the} States

indisposed of? & I flatter myself keep
Benefit of the widow & 16 fatherless
all dependant. & who has struggled
five years past in a most miraculous
& now cheerfully throws themselves on the
Justice & Clemency of the Assembly of Virginia
your favorable answer in course, through
Mr Adams's auspices will infinitely oblige

Sr

your most obedient &
much devoted Servt

M. Spruce