

Proton January 8th 1799

Sir

One Mr Dearbon of this
Town whom I conceive to be a natural
Mechanic, carries this letter to Philadelphia
and hopes to have the honor to deliver it
to you. His object is to gain by Patents an
exclusive privilege in several inventions
among which are a perpendicular wind-
mill on new & useful principles, a
steel yard calculated to prevent fraud -
a trigonometrical instrument useful
in mensuration & drawing Machine.
I encourage him that he will
certainly receive your countenance
if he merits it -

You will allow me the
honor to assure you
that I am with sentiments
of high respect your
Most humble serv^t

Jas Mifflin

Hon^{ble} Mr Jefferson

Sullivan James Boston Jan. 8. 49

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