

My dear friend

Monticello May 17. 14.

The bearer Mr Rives, the son of one of our wealthiest citizens and of the neighboring county of Amherst, is an élève of mine in law & politics. before he commences practice he wishes to visit the country North of us. an honest, abler, or better informed man could not be presented to you. make him sensible of my high estimation of him by the kind offices which you as my friend may render him in Philadelphia, and charge all to the account of

your's affectionately

Th: Jefferson

William Short esq,

1814

Letter May 17 -  
rec<sup>d</sup> by Mr. Peck at the end of May

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