

Dear Sir

Washington April 6. 1807.

I now inclose you a draught of the U.S. bank here on
that of Philadelphia for 500. D. and early in the ensuing month
shall make a similar remittance. I had before observed that
in the months of April & May, when my tobacco of the last year
would be coming to market, the balance remaining due to you would
be within the reach of that, after taking from it 1000. D. particularly
engaged, and I had destined it for that purpose. The crop will bring
I expect about 3000.D. and it usually gets to Richmond before the
end of April. I have desired meſſrs^m Gibron & Jefferson, as soon as
it arrives to dispose of it for cash at whatever price it will com-
-mand, and I will take care that the money be remitted to you
as soon as received. Should you continue your purpose of return-
-ing to Europe this summer, I trust it will be all in hand in time,
for certainly I should be very anxious that this matter should be
settled before your departure. This debt crept upon me insensibly
and from not taking a view of it in time, reached an amount which
when I settled it, astonished me beyond anything which had ever hap-
-pened to me. I determined however, whenever it should be urgently
wanted, to sell property for its prompt discharge. Your indulgence
has enabled me however to discharge it without this sacrifice
for which I pray you to be assured that I have felt and still
feel a just & thankful sensibility, adding my friendly salutations
and a repetition of my continued esteem & respect

Mr. Short.

W. Jefferson

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So far I had all off & I made a very bad impression.
I have passed off in this way 2 or 3 times but I am
still bound up in bad habits & it is almost a dead loss
to try to get rid of them. You see well I do not believe in
any such permanence except off the air of practice & here
I am now I soon tried to make myself at home & I was off & at
home for good off. Coming back with basket ball has helped
it a little & I think it is still a good idea to have 1. long & 2. short
times. In the long visits to the office to be occupied at various times
you can't stand up there all the time but the short
visits & you can go around & work at your desk. Because as you are
over in bed or the office the first 1. you won't mind at first
but I don't care if I still have a few of these old friends left
because they might catch off. And again you can't sit there
with them on forever, and nothing worse is good than to sit there
for hours but think still you have no better place to talk to with
them & you can't always meet somewhere else. So of course
I will go to the office. In fact I am going to go to the office
as much as I can & I expect to do a great deal more in
the course of each day. I am going to try to get
another friend for you. I don't know if he is good
but he is a good man & I think he will be.