

Dear Sir

Monticello Jan. 18. 26.

Yours of the 11th is received. Those of Nov. 2. and Dec. 14. had been so in due time. I suppose I had not acknowledged them specifically from being perhaps too busy to recur^{to} them while writing mine of the 3^d. I thank you for your information from Mr. Boye and shall desire the instruments to remain in their present position until I can find a safe and gentle conveyance and give an order for them. The Russian discourse was duly received and was read with the feelings ~~that~~ it would naturally excite in the breast of a friend to the Rights of man. on the subject of emancipation I have ceased to think because not to be a work of my day. The plan of converting the blacks into Serfs would certainly be better than keeping them in their present condition; but I consider that of expatriation to the governments of the U. S. of their own colour as entirely practicable, and greatly preferable to the mixture of colour here. to this I have great aversion; but I repeat my abandonment of the subject. my health is at present as good as I ever expect it to be, and I am ever and affectionately yours

Th: Jefferson