

Aug 5 1814

Dear Sir

Monticello Aug. 5. 14.

I promised you that on the completion of the bill of lading I gave you, and the receipt of your account, I would give you an order on Richmond, for the amount of that & of the old balance. This I did on the confidence that my last year's crop of flour, in the hands of Gilson & Jefferson in Richmond, (400. Barrels) would be sold for something. but Mr Gilson in his last letter informs me that he has offered it for 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ D. in vain, & that he does not believe it can at this time be disposed of at any price. I had further confided that, even if the sale was deferred, I could obtain a small and short accommodation from the bank of Richmond, which I would have done rather than keep you out of your money. but ~~he~~ further informs me that the bank has suspended discounts, & is calling in their debts.

I have not learnt whether Mr Adkinson has completed the bill; but whether he has or not, I am sincerely mortified to be obliged to inform you that I shall not be able to make good my word, for the causes before stated. The great collection of force at Norfolk, which can only be supplied with bread from James river ought to produce soon a sensible demand; and the increasing prospects of peace, which acquire more and more strength, may set the exporters in motion, and enable us to turn our produce into money. until this happens, it seems vain to name days of payment; but you may be assured that not a day shall be passed over after either the sale of my flour or return of the usual course of business at the bank of Richmond shall enable me to give you a draught as promised. Accept my best wishes.

W^o. Reuben Perry

Th: Jefferson

Perry Reuben. Aug. 5. 14.

Dear Sir

Wells Aug. 2. 14.

I promised you that on the completion of the bill of exchange I
 gave you, and the receipt of your account, I would transfer an amount
 of \$1000 for the amount of that of the bill of exchange. This I did on the
 certificate that my last year's crop of flour, in the hands of John V. Johnson
 in Richmond, (see Journal) would be sold for something. But our sales in
 his last letter inform me that he has offered it for \$2.25 in cash, & that
 he does not believe it can at this time be disposed of at any price. I had
 further certified that, even if the sale were deferred, I could obtain a small
 and that amount from the bank of Richmond, which I would have
 done rather than keep it out of your money. But I have now
 that the bank has suspended business, & is calling in their bills.
 I have not heard whether Mr. Johnson has completed the bill, but
 whether he has or not, I am inwardly mortified to be obliged to inform you
 that I shall not be able to make good my word, for the cause before stated.
 The great collection of flour at Norfolk, which can only be supplied with flour
 from James river ought to produce soon a sensible demand; and the increasing
 prospect of peace, which requires more and more strength, may set the cir-
 culations in motion, and enable us to turn our produce into money. With
 this happens, it seems vain to name any appearance; but I may be in-
 formed that not a day shall be passed over after either the sale of my flour
 or return of the usual course of business at the bank of Richmond shall
 enable me to transfer a draught as promised. Except my best wishes

W. Johnson

Mr. Reuben Perry