

London May 31st 1801.

Dear Sir,

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May 31

I had the honor of receiving your very friendly and sympathetic Letter of the 22nd of June last; — and moreover deriv'd essential benefit from the fifty dollars plac'd by your benevolence, in the hands of Major Dubal for my use. For which be pleas'd, Sir, to accept the only Tribute in my power to tender, — my cordial and gratefull thanks. At that time I ~~was~~ was severely attack'd with the flux; and which, with short intervals of abatement, continu'd to afflict me until late in the month of November. I have not in fine been out of the House, where I have been upwards of twelve months, since I came to it.

I had calculat'd upon my eldest Son coming in to assist me in returning to Kenton; but by Letters rec^d from my Family, date

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of last month, for
Others of the same Avocation, engaged in carrying in considerable
buildings in Nashville in Tennessee, in the Stone mason line
which without a departure from his engagements, renders
his coming in impracticable. A Person who is careful,
who well knows my unhappy state of decrepitude, and who
has drove a Waggon from this City to Lexington in Kentucky,
and back; — offers to furnish two good Horses, and in a
light Stage Waggon to be furnish'd, to carry me out for £60

My Friends to whom the Proposition has been commun-
icated think it not unreasonable; and well knowing my
ardent desire to get back to my Children, will do all in
their power to accomplish it. But, Sir, to raise £60. purchase
Stage, with a necessary Sum to defray Expenses in travelling,
by a few, comparatively speaking, who have contributed with
a liberal hand to me — me here for upwards of two

Robert Lawson

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