

Richmond July 10<sup>th</sup> 1802.

Dear Sir,

Your friendly, your sympathetic Letter, I had the honor of receiving of the date of June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1801.

The benevolent donation of 50 dollars placed by your Correspondent in the hands of Major Dubat, paid as far as <sup>and</sup> my board, <sup>and</sup> some necessary cloathing. I was attacked at the time with a severe fluxe, which I did not get over for upwards of six months: nor was this the only complaint in that time, and since, for exclusive of my long and constant Companion the Rheumatism, I have had many Acute ones be side to afflict me.

This must be tedious: and I therefore beg you, Sir, to pardon my imperfect account, as being too painful for me to detail.

My greatest wish, and my repeated applications, have been for some months past, to be removed from this place, and to return to Kentucky: But I find from the few who have principally contributed here to my support, they cannot raise the whole sum essentially necessary  
for

for the purpose, upon the most economical scale of calculation, without benevolent aid. It is known to my feelings how reluctantly I am constrained to solicit this aid of any one. The situation of my Case, if really known, would plead ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> favour with the liberal of mind at least.

I took the liberty about two months since to write you on this subject, begging yours, and Mr Madison's benevolence ~~and~~ under the circumstances of my situation. I was told the Letter was put in the Post Office; but, <sup>not</sup> having heard of, or received any answer, I am convinced it did <sup>not</sup> come into your hands.

From your known long intimacy and ~~friendship~~ <sup>friendship</sup>, with Mr Madison, I trust you will be so good as to show him this. And whatever aid is transmitted to Gov: in answer for my use, shall undoubtedly have my humble and grateful thanks, as the only tribute I can offer; and I am conscious it will be applied to its proper object. But, Sir, as I am so situated as to wish to have an answer as soon as you can make it convenient, so I entreat you to pardon my intimation of it; as a removal from this place is actually necessary

as far as possible, as there are not the means of de-  
fraying so extravagant a board, with the most indiffe-  
rent of accommodation, exclusive of necessary  
Cloaths.

There is another Subject of more delicacy  
to me, I do not hesitate to de-  
I introduce it, I know an apology is necessary.

Capt. Samuel Eddins a worthy, a distinguish-  
ed Officer in the late War, — distinguished by a  
regular, a discreet, uniform discharge of duty  
under various trials from the earliest commence-  
ment to the close of it, — informs me that he has  
offered his Services, and begs the appointment  
if in your Judgment proper, as the Keeper of  
light House at Point Comfort in this State.

It has been declared in my hearing frequently,  
by those who have long ~~been~~ known him, as I have  
done, that from his intimate knowledge of that  
part of the Country, the Bay, ~~Capit~~ <sup>Capit</sup> &c. no one  
would probably discharge the duties of the Office  
with more fidelity.

I beg you to accept of my  
<sup>your</sup> most sincere wishes for, individual Happiness, and  
the Prosperity of the National Government;  
and remaining with Gratefull Respect and  
Esteem,

I am — Dear Sir  
Your much obliged Servant  
RO: LAWTON

Laurzon Rd. Richmond? July 10. 1802.  
recd. July 15.



His Excellency

Thomas Jefferson

President.

by Post to Washington  
City.

R. Laurzon

July 10. 1802.

P.S. I wish thank the Gentleman who conducted the post  
post office to forward this letter without delay.

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