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Mr Jefferson

Monticello Feb. 4. 26

Your letter of the 31st was received yesterday and gave me a fine night's rest which I had not had before since you left us, as the failure to hear from you by the preceding mail had filled me with fearful forebodings. I am pleased with the train you are proceeding in, and particularly with the appointment of valuers. Under all circumstances I think I may expect a liberal valuation, an exaggerated one I should negative myself. I would not be stained with the suspicions of selfishness at this time of life, and this will protect me from them. I hope the paper I gave you will justify me in the eyes of all those who have been consulted.

Have you attended to the white lead mentioned in my former letter. I hope the negro-clothing is on its way.

I mentioned to you my neighborhood debts, and you wished me to draw on Col^o Peyton till you should be there. Their pressure, and particularly the University entrance, is such that I must draw the day after tomorrow for 250 D. I can put off some what longer the bills of Raphael and Heiskil for the last quarter's groceries. About 130 students had arrived at the University yesterday, of which $\frac{2}{3}$ were new-comers. About 60 old ones are still to come and probably a like number at least of new ones. You know that Lane has brought you another daughter. All doing well. affectionately yours

Th: J

Randolph Vt. Feb. 4. 26

Thomas Jefferson

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