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Oct 13, 1803

Your letter of Aug. 23 has been lately received, & on the same paper that of Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> preceding, which had not before come to my hands. my letter formerly written to you on the subject of the bond to <sup>from Rankin Shellen</sup> Flood, <sup>an administrator</sup> our lawyer was, and of the payment of it to Col<sup>l</sup> Peachy, being at Monticello; I cannot now turn to it, but I plead the subject in that on what I thought proper grounds, and see no new reason for changing it. Col<sup>l</sup> Peachy may have sworn, & with truth, that I sent him the money by our lawyer, but not that he did not apply for it. in the contrary I never saw a more persevering course of pursuing than he used to obtain it. & I think it probable the <sup>particular</sup> contractor possesses written proofs of it. the money was made up by equal contributions, and passed through me, and ~~not sent to him by our lawyer, but sent to Col<sup>l</sup> Peachy by our lawyer, but not~~ being then it was sent by our lawyer. The actual payment to him, & the full absolution of Rankin Shellen's estate by our lawyer, which will be pleaded & proved, will be as just as well as legal law to the any demand you may think proper to institute. I have before informed you that Francis Egges esq. in the vicinity of Richmond was the only one in possession of all the books & papers of our lawyer, and that I have not meddling in the administration. a notice of proof on him will be good as to the whole. but still if you desire it should be on me also, that my absence from the State may occasion no delay, I will acknowledge a service on our Egges as a personal service on me, and consent that the officer shall return it as served on me. or if you will inform me when you shall have taken out proofs, I will have my appearance entered immediately in any court at Richmond to which it is returnable. I send you my respects.

*W. Jefferson*

Mr. Archibald McCall

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