Sept. 24, 1772

Dear Sir

I am a little uneasy when I consider in what a Light I must appear to you so many opportunities missed. I must be regarded as one that promises without ever intending to perform. But learn from hence, St George, not to judge too rashly. I always designed to send you the Letter, & it was only the Fault of my Situation that you did not receive it sooner. Give my Compliments to Davis, & tell him that I heartily thank him for the Trouble he took about the Commissary's Letters. Mrs Lilly had forgot to send them to me. I wish you an agreeable Journey & am, dear Sir,

Your very obl. Serv.t

Robert Andrews.

P. S. Mr. Nelson is rode out.
& this is one of the cleanest Pieces of Paper now in his Desk.

York Sept.r 24.th 1772

To

Mr. Tucker

at

College

Jan. 25 1773

Dear Tucker

Since you judge it proper to publish the Dermodian, you may assure yourself that I shall do every thing in my Power to promote its Success. The Copies subscribed for are 330, & many in this Town have not yet been applied to. Before it is ready to be delivered, I am in Hopes they may amount to 500. I believe I shall some Time this Week be called to Gloucester to inspect the Surveying of a Tract of Land, when I shall have an Opportunity of procuring the Names of some of the Gentlemen of that County to your Paper. This Excursion will oblige me to lay the Trouble of copying the Poem upon you. Our Friend Mr. Page is to set out next Week for Mannofield. I design to transmit him a Subscription Paper, & I am certain he will spare no Pains to get Subscriptions. The Dedication I have never seen, nor indeed before did I ever hear of it. I have expected you in York every Day this Fortnight, & heartily wish that you may soon meet with a Conveyance hither. Give my Compliments to our Friend Jones, & tell him that by this Time the Hardship of meeting with Eliza might have so much subsided as to have permitted him to think a little of any Sermon, Sermon Cask, & me. She's a sweet Girl Adieu!

I am your very affectionate Friend

Robert Andrews.

York Jany 25th 1773

I know of no Opportunity as yet to write by.

Rev.d Mr. Andrews
Sandy 27: 1774.

July 12, 1773

Dear St George

I have only Time to tell you that I left our Rosewell Friends well yesterday Morng, & that Page is determined to try his Influence with S——. His Opinion of what you had best do, I imagine, was contained in his Letter to you. If you have your Poems in Readiness, pray send them down by the Col. I told Mrs of the Bargain you made with me for her, which met with her highest Approbation. If you can find Leisure, write to me. I am, dear S.

York, July 12th 1773

Yours sincerely
Robert Andrews

Rev: Mr. Andrews.
July 12.th 1773.

Mar. 14, 1774

Dear M.

To oblige a favourite Lady you will not neglect to send down the second Volume of Peregrine Pickle by some one of the redfoxes Boys & the Hermit for a week or two will be very acceptable to your humble Servant. I feel myself inclined this Morning to take Notice of a Reflection you cast upon me last Saturday at your Lodgings, but alas! the God of Sleep prevailed too long to allow me this Satisfaction. I think the most proper Punishment I can inflict upon you for your Crime is to keep you in Suspense concerning the Nature of it till I see you — My best Compliments to the Major & may perhaps vindicate my Orthodoxy, but what should I gain by it? To be even with you for your Reflection, but little Credit I fear, in Williamsburg. The Major will answer this Mystery. I am, dear M.

Yours sincerely

Robert Andrews

York March 14th 1774

Revd. Mr. Andrews
March 14: 1774.

My dear St George

Williamsburg October 2d 1776

I have just been informed by Mr Page that Capt. Tucker is in Town, & will sail immediately. Though he has already a Letter for you from me, yet as some Time has passed since it was written, I must again indulge the Impulse of Friendship by scribbling a few Lines. Mr Page, I presume, has acquainted you with what is passing in the great World, so that I may be well excused that Task, tho' indeed it would be cheerfully undertaken if I thought you would thereby receive any new Information. He has without Doubt given you an account of our unfortunate Affair on Long Island, which was made, by a parsimonious Spirit which seems to prevail too much in our great Council, the Grave of many a brave man. Amongst those who fell that Day in Defence of their Country was a Brother of mine. From all Accounts our little Band did Wonders, which & the Cause he died for, tho' they do not suppress, alleviate not a little what I should feel for such a Loss.— I am, my dear Tucker, growing acquainted with Trouble & Sorrow. It is not yet a Fortnight since I resigned to the cold Bosom of the Earth a most lovely Infant, which lived only five Days; & at this Moment my dearest Betsy lies ill in the next Room. Perhaps by the Time another Opportunity offers I shall be able to entertain you with more pleasing Subjects; at present the melancholy State of my own Family engrosses me. Adieu, St George,

Yours ever affectionately
Robert Andrews

Three or four Vessels from Bermuda lately & not a Letter, come & make your Apology

Rev.d Wm. Andrews.
Oct.r 2.d – 14.th 1776.
Recd by Capt Tucker.

Wmsburg October 14. 1778

My dear Friend

I am not fond either of making or receiving apologies, & indeed I have seldom observed that they are of any great Service; however where I must appear so much the Delinquent, & at the same Time know myself so little guilty, I cannot help aiming at something like one in order, if possible, to regain my former Place in your Esteem & Friendship.

I was by no Means forgetful of your kind Invitation, & I assure you no one could have received greater Pleasure than I should in seeing my Friend made happy. But as the Time approached I found it impracticable to enjoy that high Satisfaction — I had a Visit to make which Duty rendered indispensable, which I was prevented by unavoidable Accidents from dispatching sooner & which other Duties would permit me no longer to defer. — might then have written you'll say; & so I had determined to do, but Fate had ordered it otherwise. I met with several Opportunities, but it so happened that one of the Parties, when the Moment was critical, was always on Horseback. a Circumstance, you will allow, perfectly disqualifying. What your Sentiments may be after reading so far I cannot pretend to conjecture, but mine are that the most blameable thing I have yet done is the writing so much without congratulating you on the happy Event which has taken Place

My Heart however, St George, has not wanted for my Pen, but from the Hour in which I supposed the indissoluble Knot was tied, it has rejoiced in your Happiness, & breathed its fervent Wishes that it might continue full & unmixed as in this State of Mortality we are permitted to expect.— Innes shewed me yesterday what he styles your pastoral Letter, Part of which I discovered you intended for me. I was pleased to observe that amongst the Benefits you have derived from Matrimony, some Knowledge of what the Scriptures contain is one, & I hope you will in Time become an Example of Piety & godly Wisdom to the Husbands of this degenerate Age. Myself expect to receive some very edifying Lessons from you when I have the Pleasure of seeing you.— There is some News, but it is of such a Complexion, that whenever you hear it, it will be soon enough. You will be so kind as to ~~impart~~ present my very respectful Compliments to your Lady. I am, my dear Sir, your's affectionately—

Robert Andrews

The Bermudian Letter I picked up at Portsmouth. By the bye I heard when there that your Brig had arrived safe at Southway from France. If it be true, again I say rejoice.—

St. George Tucker Esqr

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Dover Decr. 16. 1781

Dear Tucker

When your Letter sent by Mr. Johnson reached my House I was neither for Home nor too much employed to "devote a few Moments to a private Letter." I was much at Leisure & perfectly disposed to return your friendly Greeting. But Mr. Johnson, by sending the Letter by a little Bay belonging to Wyley the Barber & never afterwards calling on me or informing me where he lodged, put it out of my Power to gratify my Inclination in complying with your well founded Expectations. I had even a Tooth Brush for you, not indeed of the most polished or elegant Structure, but it was new, & I believe would have worn well. You will perhaps ask, why is it not now sent? I forgot it yesterday when I left Richmond, but it shall be reserved to brighten up the Counsellor's Teeth before he opens his Mouth in the Chamber of State.

I have done nothing with your Accounts. The Letter as well as the former must be counterseigned by Genl. Lawson. I think the Principle on which you charge for the whole

Term of your Appointment is perfectly just, but it may be judged otherwise, & therefore I would take the Liberty of advising you not to do it. You will find the small Receipt audited, & I am sorry I was so forward in having it done, as two Days afterwards the Executive directed the Auditors to allow one thousand for one in such Settlements.

Shall I see you in Richmond before I leave it? but of Office I am waiting only for milder Weather to return to Williamsburg.

I shall be very glad to me your Pen on the Independence of Journalists, which fell lately into my Hands so mutilated that I shall be puzzled to make out a Copy of it. Your Letter by Innes was in this Condition when delivered to me. Part of it indeed was gone, & I was obliged from what remained to guess at the rest.

[redacted] If you have brought your Sun out of its Eclipse it is more than I have — but perhaps no World can bear two Suns at the same time. Explain your Allusion — mine is clear enough —

My best Respects to Mrs Tucker & family

Yours affectionately

Robert Andrews

Andrews.
1781

Richmond, Decr. 5. 1790

Dear Sir

This will be delivered to you by Mr. Holmes, young Gentleman who intends to spend some time in our City with a view principally, I believe, to benefit by your instructions. He is not acquainted in Williamsburg, & will therefore stand in need in the first place of your direction in getting himself fixed — I begin to feel an impatience to rejoin you, but know not when it will be in my power. The general business is yet in any forwardness. The letter of the Judges has been thought worthy of the most serious attention of the Legislature, no farther attention has been yet paid to it. Neither Excise nor Revenue nor appropriation law, has ~~yet~~ made its appearance.

I am, dear Sir,

Your friend & hble Servt.

Robert Andrews

Mr. Holmes's Father is to pay me here the advance board, which I shall send down to Wilson by Mr. Bracken.

Robt. Andrews
Dec. 25th 1790.

Solo Cumbo's Acct & recd.

Mr. Andrews

July 1st 1793.

About Solo. Cumbo's Order on me for £35. 9. 9.

Credited the College for the above Amount.

Mr Tucker

July 1, 1793

Dear Tucker

The mode you propose of settling S. Cumbo's order, by a discount with the College, will be agreeable to me. — At present the College treasury contains not a shilling, but I have expectations, from various quarters, of a supply in a few days.

Your friend

Robert Andrews

July 1. 1793.

Mr. Andrews
with memo of my answer.
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Feby 19. 1803
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About the sale of Innes's
land
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Mr. Jefferson

Feb. 19, 1803

Dear Sir

It has become necessary for the discharge of the claims on the estate of our friend Innes that part of the land should be sold, especially as Mrs Innes purchased of the personal property to the value of about eight hundred pounds; & I think as that lady is situated it will be best for her to change, as she is empowered to do, the real property she possesses into something more productive. These considerations have induced me to recommend to her the measures referred to in the sketch of a power of attorney, which Robert will deliver to you, ~~for~~ & which I wish you to amend where you shall see necessary. This business ought to be immediately arranged, as I apprehend a knowledge of her loss, which she must have ere long, will unfit her for the transaction of any business for a time.

Yr. friend

Robert Andrews

Feby 19. 1803 –

Answered — advising that P. Randolph Esq should be associated with Mr. Andrews in the power of attorney.