

Dear Sir

Richmond Nov<sup>r</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1783

Your Letter by Mr French never came to hand unless it was that in which Middletons Papers were inclosed - that found me in a Room to which I had been a considerable time confined by a Fever & Cold. yours by Mr Binns reached me the first day I had ventured out I was even then so much indisposed as entirely to misunderstand that part of your Letter relative to the Laws I conceived you meant those of the last Session for them I applied and found Colo Peyton had received them I beg his pardon for the mistake I have made. it is now ~~corrected~~ rectified as to the Laws and hope you will be kind enough to set the matter right in the County - I send up now by Capt Wm George eleven Copies of the Acts of Oct<sup>r</sup> 1782 four having been before taken up by Mr Barter. I perfectly agree with you in Opinion with respect to the Laws being appointed a site of the County and shall move it as soon as I

I recover my speech which a Cold has for some time deprived me of

I found the House of Delegates engaged in the Bittern Bill when I returned to them. some Gentlemen of whom Mr Henry G Page were the principal throes with great earnestness so to widen the ground on which it was to stand as to admit the whole Band of Tories and Refugees of Nova Scotia they were however entirely defeated in all their aims the Bill went yesterday thro a Committee of the whole house when every part of it as it now stands was agreed to by a very great majority — It is so formed as to exclude even from the right of migrating here all those who being Natives of this or any of the U States have borne Arms against us all those who being Inhabitants of America in the year 1775 or at any time since have voluntarily left this Country and resided — years within the British Dominions and all Statute Staple men — These Descriptions except the Rights of citizenship are open to any man on Earth who will take the Oaths of Allegiance to our Government — only that they shall not be eligible to any public Office until they have resided within the State — Years

The 5<sup>th</sup> Impost recommended by Congress is adopted by a great majority of the House of Delegates

a Bill passed the lower House making Tobacco Hemp Flax and Deer Skins receivable in the present Taxes. the Senate proposed some amendments which we would not agree they should do (considering it as a money Bill) after some disputation the Bill was lost another is however prepared agreeable to the Senates amendments and once read by this the Taxes will be made payable in Commutables the Collection postponed until January and the Sheriff made accountable by the first of April

The definitive Treaty is certainly arrived at New York and I expect will be probably a means of prolonging the present Session

a Mr Corneroy from Pennsylvania has thrown the Western Country into the most violent Ferment by diffusing an Opinion that the Grants of Virginia would be set aside by Congress the Greater Part of the Settlers there (who are said really to possess no Lands of their own) are well pleased with the Idea are busied in

in building Huts on other Peoples Lands  
and are anxious for a separation from the  
State of Virginia and have sent down a  
Petition to that effect - which you will see  
some thing of in the Paper I enclose you  
I have been so unwell as not <sup>be able to</sup> attend  
to any kind of business - The Recommendation  
I sent to the Executive - but misunderstanding  
my request a Commission was only made out  
for the four recommended in Addition to those in  
office as I do not understand this to be your  
meaning I will again apply for an entire new  
Commission of the Peace - I will ~~apply~~ as  
soon as possible execute your different Coms and  
write to you more fully upon the Subjects of  
your two Letters - In the mean time Sir be  
assured that any thing in ~~the power of~~ my power  
to serve you shall be done with the utmost plea-  
-sure - Flour is not at present receivable but  
I expect will be made so by the Law now  
on hand - Harrison is continued Gov -  
Wm Christian and Wm Nelson justt Counsellors  
I am dear Sir your obliged Obedt Servt  
Steph Thorne