

Dear Sir

Richmond Decr 29<sup>d</sup> 1783

\* except where the certificates have been transferred from the original holder or where they have been returned to the Officer who gave them this is one of the Subjects of your Letter

The gentleman who gives this a conveyance had intended to stay in Town till tomorrow which would have afforded me an opportunity of writing to you as fully as I wish - but as he has determined to set out immediately I must hurry over a few observations that which may be of service to you in your present Office - For your information I enclose you the Revenue Law the only one that is yet published on that Subject - but another has passed by which certificates for hemp & Flour deliver last Summer agreeable to the Law then in force are now made receivable in Taxes, <sup>agreeable to that Law</sup> and also warrants which are directed in future to be issued to the Justices and venire men summoned down to the General Court - this Act is mentioned in the enclosed List - The Act concerning Sheriffs is to empower the County Courts to recommend where they have neglected to do it <sup>at the time prescribed by Law</sup> - where they have done it at a time other than the Law directs to empower the Gov<sup>r</sup> to appoint and directing that in future Sheriffs shall be nominated by the Courts in June or July - it also enacts that if the Sheriffs now or hereafter appointed shall refuse to give Security for the Collection <sup>to be</sup> he shall be superseded and the Gov<sup>r</sup> shall appoint the 2<sup>d</sup> person nominated by the Court and so on to the next magistrate in Commission I moved for and carried a Resolution for having so many Laws printed and delivered out in future as should furnish one to the Clerk Sheriff and each acting Magistrate of every County or Corporation agreeable to the Instruction of my Constituents - with respect to the town of Louisville the

the Assembly were induced to repeal the Law for establishing  
the Town from it being made appear that the Land  
on which it stood was the Property of a Mr Campbell  
lately returned from Captivity. more of this in my  
next — you will receive herewith the Citizen Bill  
which you have no doubt heard of. I shall at present only  
observe that I have never heard any thing that could in  
the least induce me to give an opinion different from my  
vote on that occasion, and that it is my earnest wish never  
to see a man who voted against it entrusted with power in future.  
as I believe the opposition to it originated in Toryism if not  
in something worse. tho many I believe were seduced into  
the vote they gave — I was highly incensed at the vote of that  
Day and move for the Bill being set up at the Court House.

The Gentlemen will not wait one  
moment so god be good to you

Sts Thomas Mason

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Colo Leven Powell

Loudon County

Dr. M. Winn 23/8

Mrs. Winn  
Nov 1783

Wm. Elby