

Dr Sir

Whiting 22nd June 1757

I fear I shall want credit with you when I declare that the constant Anxiety & Perturbation I have been in since I left Berkeley has not given me time before this to write you & now can give but a very imperfect Account of our peregrination, which has been excessively tedious. On the 20th of May after several Delays in Berkeley & my being obliged to return from that to Loudoun, & recovering some of our most valuable mares which had been stole from us, we left that County & thro' continual Rains & the worst of Roads we traveled till the 12th of June when we reached Spears on the Monongahala 14 miles below Redstone when our Boats lay, on the 13th we went up the River to Redstone on the 14th moved them down to Spears, on the 15th loaded, on the 16th proceeded down the River, the water so low as to oblige us to clean away the Stones & open a passage to our Boats over the Fish Dams & Riffles, on Saturday the 18th at 12 o'clock we landed at Fort Pitt, & on Sunday the 19th at 12 o'clock left that place, from thence we have found the Water tolerably good & now have a flow of it from the continual Rains we have had for some days past. at this place we have halted to take in our Horses which we sent a cross by Land - the Accounts from the Indians are unfavourable, they have fired on some Boats on their way down before us, & are determined to drive the Land Robbers & Hunters from their side the River, several of whom they have killed. On which being inform'd Col. Gibson informs me there are now large parties out. Our Families thank Heaven are well, tho' they have been exposed to excessive Fatigue & a great deal of wet weather, our wives prove the greatest of Heroines & happy they do so, we have no company nor Boats with us but our own, except a few passengers & those with our own hands not enough to Man our Boats On the 21st about 5 miles below Fort McIntosh we pass'd a party of Indians but were too far from them for them to fire on us had they been inclin'd to do so - Tomorrow morning I expect we shall leave this place & if we are happy enough to arrive safe at the Kentucky You may expect shortly after to hear from me I put a valuable Horse into the hands of Thomas Gugg to

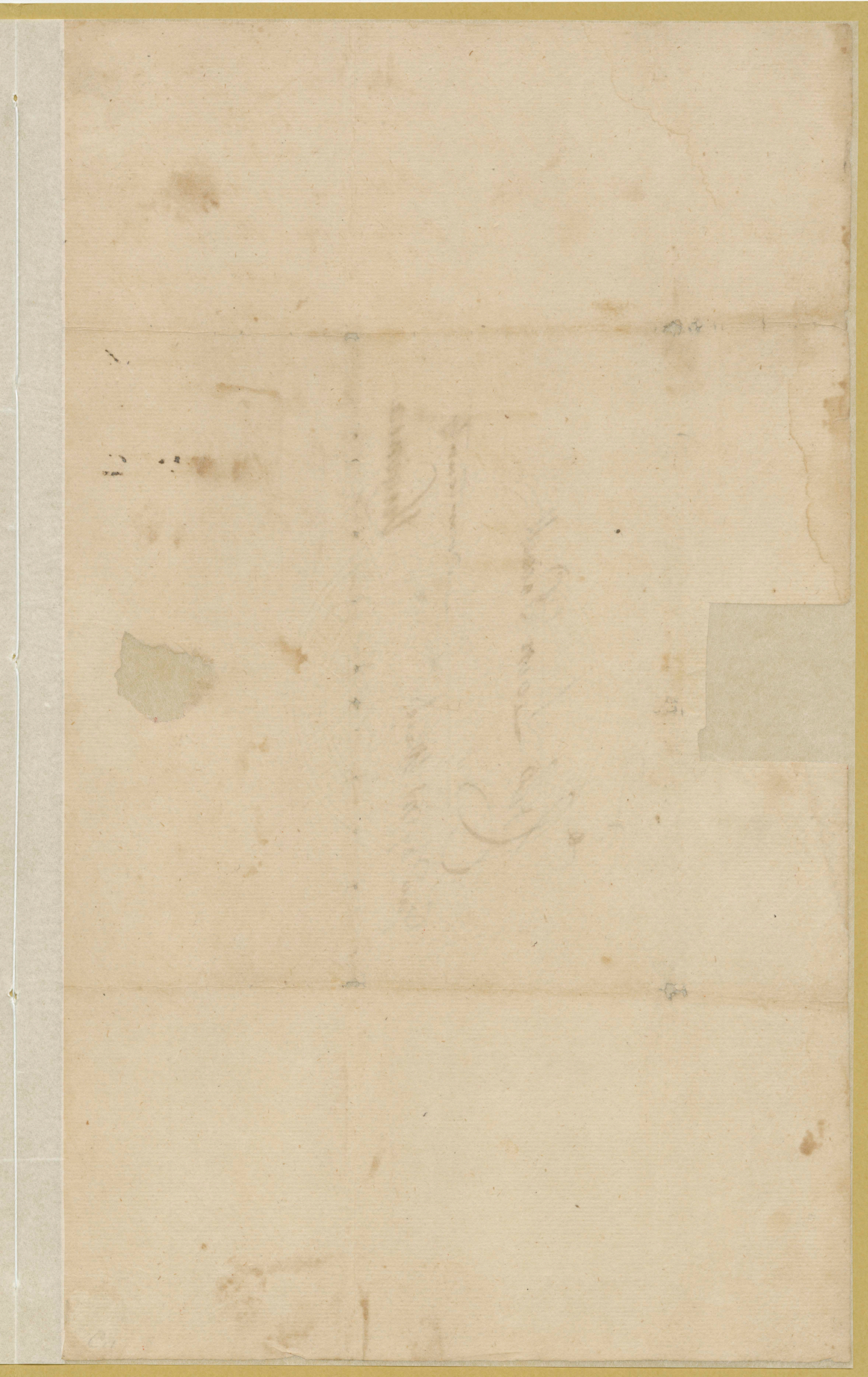
to be delivered to You, I hope the Negro Fellow is before this
in Your possession - I am very anxious to have the Negro
women I left behind contrived out to me, must beg the fav^r
of Your taking the first safe opportunity to do it - The hurry
we are in prevents my Brothers writing You, as we are
obliged to divide the business, You will therefore consider
this as from us both - with the warmest wishes for
the health & happiness of yourself & families, I am

Dear Gentlemen Your Sincerely affectionate
Obedt Serv^t

To
Col^{ls} Powell & Triplett,

Cath^l Garrison

Col^l Powell will please send this after Reading to
Col^l Triplett



To
Col. Lun Fowle

London County

Virginia

Carry by Mt. Ward