

Dear Burr.

Montpelier Dec^r 16th 1804.

Yesterday's Post brought me your letter of the 10th.

I expect the day you wrote you must have rec^d one from me which I put into the Post office at Alex^r before I left there, in this I enclosed the statement from Mr. Swann, when getting home on Sunday the 9th I found Betty had brought you a letter the evening before & as I was to go to Lansing the next day I wrote a letter to you & took with me which I sent from there to the Post office in Alex^r: I wish you must have got before this, All are well and Betty is still up.

The same Post brought me a letter from Major Holmes by which I learn he heartily accords with me in opinion as to the Appropriation of the Muster fees towards road, It will be a great augmentation if it can be obtained & I am certain will carry more into the Treasury than goes there at present from that source of Revenue & Major Holmes mentions in his letter that the subject being a new one there may be some difficulty in drawing the Bill in such a manner as to insure the Collection & Accountability to the State. I have suggested a few Ideas on that subject which you will find enclosed & which you will show to him.

I am aware of one difficulty to be encountered, some of the people of Sherburne & Washington Cross at Massachusetts hope & as they will not in their present route get to our road until they are within 12 or 15 miles of Alexandria the Members may think their Counties not sufficiently interested to give up all the fees of their Counties, but it is in contemplation to shorten and improve the road from Carkley's Tavern to our road above Little River & when this is done their distance will be ^{be} shortened three or four miles & it is the same as to the people of Jefferson & Berkeley who will be accommodated by a road from the Gum Spring passing

through Wormley's Gap in a direction to Charles Town & Northampton.
The first object should be the center road extended to Winchester, this being
done the Company will then extend their views to the roads leading into it
on each side, it will be their intent to do so as they will thereby increase
the emoluments of the Comp'y. The road through Wormley's Gap to the
Quemading will shorten the distance to Alex^a from the Counties of Jefferson
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Thomson, I do it this to accommodate those who are endeavoring to get
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