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Washington March 16. 1816

Dear Sir

I received your letter of ~~the~~ the informing me of your having staid a night at my house, & of a conversation with my manager on the state of the plantation &c. I fear that his account is too correct, but it appears to me however that many of ^{the} defects, are not remedied by him, since he took charge. Of the misconduct of others, I have too much proof. This man, has the entire control of the business; I leave him to do as he pleases; and there is nothing difficult or complex in it as he cultivates no tobacco. The work is to make up the fences, plough the ground for oats & corn, & take care of the wheat & rye already sown, and move the force briskly to his objects. Mr Gosta was recommended to me by Col. Joug of Cadpooper, who long knew him, & who is a good judge. If you could get Mr Rogers to ride with you there, and over the place, you would both render me an useful service. He might advise Mr Gosta as to his conduct. If Mr Rogers cannot, tho' I hope he will, be so good as do it yourself, & looking into things, and talking freely & fully with Gosta, inform me how they are, & what you think of him. My private affairs have suffer'd inconceivably great, by my absence & the mismanagement of those acting for me, yet I have always

engaged men, on the highest recommendations, and supported
them in their plans. My son also I sustained a most heavy
loss, and labourer us, for I speak it in confidence, I never
saw, for a person of some pretensions, a less efficient man.
It has been my lot since here, ~~but~~^{to} have duties to perform
which absorb my whole mind & time. At this moment
a minister is sailing for France, ~~only~~, one for the Indies,
Mr Pinkney was nominated, with a special commission to
negotiate. The latter has been negated by the Senate, in conse-
quence of which he declines the other; & one for Spain
Mr Erving. Introductions are to be prepared for all, & many
other things to be attended ^{to}, without taking into the estimate
the attacks incessantly made on me, touching my conduct
in public life, & explanations personally to be given to
friends who call for them. I cannot leave this, at such a
moment, however injurious to my private affairs. I hope
to hear from you soon. If the document is recd, the
last letter saw it; as, if post comes up, it will be useful.

your friend
Jas Monto

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