

James Monroe  
letter

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Alex. Pa  
19<sup>th</sup> May 3

Doctor Charles Everett  
near Courtsville -  
Albemarle county -  
Virginia

Oak Hill May 18<sup>th</sup> 1830.

Dear Sir

Since my return home, I have been free from  
fevers, and other complaint, except that of weakness.  
I have in some degree recovered, but am far from being  
restored, to my former state. I take exercise on horse back,  
daily, when the weather permits, but I ride a few miles  
only. My cough continues, without pain. I hope when  
the weather becomes settled, and I may pursue a regular  
system of exercise, that my health will be restored.

My daughter, is now with her, near Baltimore,  
who expects soon to be confined. She has been with her  
brother sometime, in the city, whether he went to consult  
Dr Hunt, who is acquainted with his constitution, on a com-  
plaint, with which he has been afflicted for more than  
two months, & still continues. It was thought to be the  
rheumatism, his pain, in his body & limbs, being ex-  
cruciating, but it is now thought to be, either  
retained when he will be able to reach home. My daughter  
will return to, & bring him if able to come, her, as  
soon as she can leave her. Mrs Monroe's health has  
rather improved. Our accounts from Mr Governor  
& our daughter in N. York are favorable.

It would give us great pleasure to see you here, if  
convenient to you to make us a visit. I fear, it will be  
utterly out of my power, to attend at the University at the  
next meeting of the visitors. Unless a great change takes  
place in my health, it will be impossible, and that can  
hardly be expected, in so short a time, at my period of life.  
This increases my desire to see you here, as indeed I  
should be happy to see, some other friends, with whom  
you are intimately acquainted.

Your report in favor

of my claims has not yet been taken up, and thus is  
coun to apprehend, that it will not be reached, in re-  
gular order, during the session, & in which event, that it  
will not be acted on, before the adjournment. I have expe-  
rienced many difficulties thro' life, and have met them,  
as I trust, I ought to do. I shall make the same effort, in  
future, at what may happen, tho' under circumstances,  
not so favorable to success.

I am engaged in works, as you know, which give  
me an interesting occupation, and amusement. If you had  
come over, I would communicate, that I have except-  
ed, to you, & be glad to hear your sentiments respecting  
them. I mention this in confidence. Present my best  
regards to Mr. Hooper. Sincerely your friend  
James Monroe

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