

New York March 24th 1831.

Dear Sir

On great consideration, regarding my weak state of health and advanced years, I have thought it advisable, to comply with the wishes of my family, and to remain with them here, with such an establishment as I may be able to make, but which I hope will be comfortable. To accomplish it, I am compelled to sell my property in London, which I have advertised for the second Wednesday in June, & given full power for the purpose, to Mr. Gougeon my son in law, & my nephew Jos. Mansel. The advertisement comprises, all but the slaves, whom I wish to sell at private sale, in families. You will see it, in the gazettes of the city, and likewise several in Virginia, among which is the genius of Liberty. It is peculiar to me to sell that property, from many considerations, among which the separation of me from my friends in the country, has its weight. Other courses, which I had not mention to you, attach me to it. But I could accomplish no object, without the sale. It is my intention, if my health will permit, to return to it, sometimes next month, or the commencement of the ensuing, when I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you there.

If it is in my power to render you any service here, I wish you to command it. I pass to your brother, a letter of introduction to you. La Fayette, for which his father call'd to me his acknowledgments. The young man

was one of those, who were employed to bear dispatches,
to the French post, containing the celebration of the late
revolution in France. If I can say any thing to the old
gentleman, to promote your interest, I shall be happy
to do it, & of which I wish you to advise me. I mention
this circumstance because I understood from you, that
you had borrowed money of him.

Mr Gouverneur informed me, on his return from
Washington, that you advised the plan, which I have
adopted, and which is very gratifying to me -

Sincerely your friend -

James Monroe

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