

paying debts by instalment will also be bred in
the Carpet - there with other less important matters
you will conceive to be more than the assembly will
wade through by Christmas, and therefore much of
what is proposed will be left undone as usual - Gwynn
where and depends on the report of the Com: of privileges
what he can take his seat - a bill proposed the Com: of the
whole yesterday directing the payment of the profits of
the Lead office into the public Treasury whereby Mr.
H. very much his assistants become civil list officers.
The emolument of this office under the lead law wd.
have been immense - I shall return to King George
on this day week, how long it will be after my return
before I visit Richmond again, I cannot now inform you.
could you get to King George between that time and Christmas
I shall probably be at home - If you let me know in
time when you will be in I shall if I can meet you in
King George.

Richmond
27th Nov. 1784

Yr. friend & servt
Jos: Londs.

D^r J^r?

27 Nov 1784

I have your favor of the 13th of this month.
on the receipt of your first letter from Trenton I answered
your inquiries respecting Mr. Curbin - who^d that by any means
have ^{failed} to get to your hands, I now repeat that altho' I
much pressed Mr. Curbin for money and particularly when
the bill for the 10 half Loes arrived as that afforded a
good pretext for doing so, yet all my endeavours were
fruitless - whether Mr. Dawson to whom I wrote as soon
as I received your letter has been able to draw from him
any aid, I have not heard - you however may be informed
before this reaches you.

Mr. Madison hath read me your letter he will
be able from our conversation on the contents to give
you an answer. The conduct of D in 59 may proceed
from a hostile disposition to the 45 - but I think it
may naturally and very reasonably be ascribed to the
causes assigned by them - The affair of 32 cannot well
be complained of as the offender has been prosecuted
and punished where the offence was committed
and in an exemplary manner too, if w^{ch} 32

is well acquainted and upon a proper representation
of it the matter will bespeak subsidence and he will
pursue his function as usual. Be these things as they
may it must be confessed when we take a view of our
situation the prospect is but too gloomy - The States
Genl. are obliged to accept of furnishing little or no supply to
the public Treasury & yet the interest of the foreign debt becoming
due - some of the States in danger of drawing the sword of
east or other - The Spaniards complaining of our conduct
on the W. and the British to the E. holding the key
that opens the door to the free trade contrary to the
stipulations of the Treaty and thereby preventing that
friendly intercourse with the Indian Tribes which it is
our interest and policy to cultivate - These nations either
from resentment for injuries done them, or stimulated
by other causes threatening our frontier with a general
war or at least disturbing that quarter by partial hostilities
add to these the want of energy in our Government in
general and in particular in the Federal Government
occasioned with respect to the latter to an unreasonable
jealousy and supineness in the respective States and to
a want of union --- in the Body itself -

Your information respecting the desire of 24 come
too late to admit of any attempt to gratify him in his wish
as the vacancies were filled some time before - we
have employed several days in a bill to authorize Congress
on demand made by a foreign power for the surrender of
our citizens who? they commit crimes in the Territories of
such power and of such nature as the law of Nations
requires a surrender, to make such surrender on due
and satisfactory proof being given of the guilt of
the person charged - The policy of the bill is to prevent
our people of transgressing against the Spaniards which they
are disposed to do from all accounts, and to remove
doubts in the Executive who? such demand be made. This
day it undergoes on the third reading its fiery trial
in the Delegates, who? it has there, the Senate may
probably reject it, as the measure is rather alarming
and not generally relished. a general exp. m. is
under consideration - also a revision of the travel office
and duty laws - the Militia law - Revenue law -
Has also proposed to introduce a bill for circuit Courts
to make a beginning if it can be effected in opening the
navigation of Potomack and James River - the settling &