

Paris Aug. 4. 1795.

Dear Sir

I omitted yesterday to enclose Joseph's letter: I send it however by an opportunity which promises to be more secure & perhaps as quick in the postage.

You will long since have heard that I have paid for you in the hands of Mr. Mandolph 3000. Doll^r of what ought to have been rec^d. here, & abt. 150. on acct. of a like sum pd. here for Mr. Mittenhouse. In addition to wh^{ch} I have lately answered your bill in fav^r of Southcomb & Manly.

A peace is concluded with Spain and the emigrant army entirely cut off amounting 10000, of which abt. 4000 were slain. In addition to which the constitution is nearly gone thro' & which upon the whole may be considered as a very good one. It divides the legislature into two branches, gives an independant Executive composed of 5. members, of whom one only is annually displaced. So that in every view the prospect of this country is now the best that can be. By the peace with Spⁿ. the whole of St. Domingo belongs to France & wherby an immense country is provided for the army when the war ends, wherby ^{also} not only justice will be rendered to those citizens who have served so well of the republic, but the probability of internal commotion removed.

With respect to the arrangement of my two farms in Alb: I have

To James Jones

heretofore said so much that I have little occasion
to repeat any thing here. ~~As~~ with respect to that which
I live you recollect my wish was that a fence should
stand ~~for~~ ^{in a} ~~line~~ along the road by the house till you
come to the road leading from Charlottewille & then with
the latter to the lane of Mr. Thorsen: that the ground in between
should continue in wood clearing out the old & ugliest
trees only: that the whole of the space between the
house & barn be cleared up & put in grass, plant
ing here and there along it a weeping willow & leas-
ing of the trees now standing here there one also.

Will it not be possible for you to pay us a visit? I think
after you settle your affairs you might do it to advantage
in point of health. Suppose you did it the ensuing year.
How long I shall stay is uncertain provided my conduct
is approved. We do not mean to stay long. but if you
were to come seeing into my affairs we might fix the
time positively: & the sooner we get back, the present
storm being over the better: certainly the more agreeable
to you. Sincerely I am yr friend & servt

Ja. Monroe