

To Joseph Jones

Paris March 26. 1796.

Dear Sir

I enclose you a letter from Joseph who is well & in good hands. The school in which he is, is an excellent one, & I hope he will profit considerably in it, tho' the Director - sometimes complains of his indolence and ill-temper to his comrades. I keep him altogether there (he has not been in Paris since last) & I sometimes visit the school & examine him, so that every thing is done to keep him out of the way of harm, & to advance him that can be done. Six months more under this regimen will enable me to determine what may be expected from him, & of which I will correctly inform you. He has grown much, being almost as tall as I am & promises to be much taller.

Judge Mathews

of N. Carolina has put one of his sons now in my care & for whose disbursements I have drawn on him for ^{five} hundred dollars.

March 26-1796.
 Robert of Newbern
 To Joseph Jones

in favor of Mr. Good of Phil^a. to be remitted ^{you}
when rec^d. or answer'd to ^{your} draft. He is with
Joseph, rather younger, but a well behaved youth.
I had to pay on acct. of his expenses from Engl^d, his
outfit at St. Germain, in ~~bed~~ bedding, cloaths, ad-
vance in the school or near 40 £ of this, so that
by the time this money is rec^d. by you, ^{the} greater
part will be exhausted here: and I think I ought
not to be in advance, as care & attention are all
that ought to be expected of me. If the money is
rec^d. Mr. Good will advise you of it & of the safe
company to place it in yr. hands. You have
I presume before this rec^d. from Col^o. Picken-
~~ing~~ about the like sum which was advanced
for him here, & two hundred & fifty crowns that
were advanced Mr. Paine. These were to be paid
to Mr. Madison for you, & I hope were paid him
of wh^o however he has doubtly appointed you as
I asked him to take that trouble for me. In addi-
tion to this bill of Mr. Muth^{er} I shall be forced to
advance for Col^o. Pickens a further sum of
five or six hundred dol^{rs}, & ⁱⁿ wh^o case I will
direct the payment thereof to you. You will
after this I hope be quite at ease. I will thank
you to give me some statement of my aff^{rs}. and
in particular how Hogg proceeds & see
you are fully possess'd of my wishes in

respect to my two brothers & sisters & his family &
therefore I say nothing more on that subject. You
will however inform me how they are according
to yr. acct^s, & what is done for them. It is now eight
or nine months since I heard from you, wh^o in-
duces me to conclude all letters for me miscar-
ry, for within that time I have ~~heard~~ scarce
by rec^d. a letter from any one. I most sincerely
wish you wou^d. come over & stay with us: and as-
suringly the care of Joseph, living with us, wou^d. make
the trip not insupportable or unprofitable: leaving
yr. aff^{rs}. with mine in the hands of a prudent capa-
ble person.

There is little new here. We was con-
tinues with the Governor, Engl^d. & without
much prospect of an early termination with
either especially the latter, with the former
it is possible tho' not probable soon. We are well
& all desire to be affec^g. remembered to yr. self, yr. wife
& family, & Col^o. Taliaferro & family & other friends.
Very sincerely I am yr. friend & serv^t.
Jas. Montoel

Joseph's letter I find was sent by some other
channel a few days past.