

Washington Nov<sup>r</sup> 8. 1823.

Dear James.

I have received several letters from you, with others for your father, which I have regularly forwarded to him. We returned from London on Wednesday, making two days journey of it, & since our return, your aunt, has had two chills, at the interval of a day, each, & other symptoms of a very distressing nature. Nothing remains on her stomach, & her nervous system, is very much deranged. We hope every day for a favorable change, but suffer very much on her account.

I have as yet sold no part of my land in Alabama, nor is there any prospect, that I shall now do it. I have engaged a man from Caroline, to take the place of Mr Benton, at \$300 per annum. He was recommended by Col. Taylor and Wilson Allen of the Bolling Green & others.

I will with pleasure inclose you for your brother in law, letters to our ministers in England & France, & if possible forward them tomorrow. - Since my return here, I have

not had a moment to write to you, or to any one else  
of my friends, before the present.

I hope that you, your wife & child, retain your  
health, & are otherwise doing well. Let me hear  
how Mr. Garrison succeeds, & how Maria ac-  
quits herself as a housekeeper - I hope that they  
avoid expense & are good economists -

your friend

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Your friend  
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