

Washington July 27. 1814

Dear Sir

It is pleasing that you are in Albemarle
I address to you thus.

I was sorry that I had not an opportunity of seeing
you again before I left Richmond, tho' I believe
that all the topics of conversation were exhausted
in our previous interview.

I gave Mr. Taylor a power to ~~sell~~ my land in
Albemarle, on certain conditions as to price, being
resolved not to sell it, unless they be obtained, &
in the mean time, holding out the tract in hand
for sale, with intention to sell it, if a fair price
can be obtained, comparatively with that given for
similar land in that quarter. By this arrangement
I shall try the market for both tracts, and sell that
in Albemarle, in case only, that I fail to sell the
other. I should indeed sell the tract in Albemarle
with great reluctance. I have considered that
country my home 26. years past; have bestowed
much labour, even personal on that tract, &

otherwise I am much to improve it. The site for
a house is ⁱⁿ my opinion one of the handsomest
in the State. all the buildings are valuable, and
most of the necessary ones erected. much valuable
ground is cleared. Good fences are raised, on the
mountain, & on the plantation below. Wood is
convenient, for ornament & use. In short, I
have done all the heavy work. It remains
now only to improve the residence, and make
the estate profitable. Add to this, I should leave
the county with regret. For many of its inhabi-
tants I have great friendship, & for very many
others good wishes & esteem. After having so long
consider'd that place my home, and those people
as neighbours & friends, it would give me
pain to settle elsewhere. But I owe much
money, which I cannot ^{without serious pain} longer delay the pay-
ment of; and it is important to enjoy peace the
balance of my days, and to improve my resi-
-dence wherever it may be, so as to make it
comfortable. Since my return from Europe, I have
been employ'd in improving both these tracts, &
really expended much money in it, particularly
by that in Louisiana. The present is a favorable
the opportunity for selling, one or the other,

I have adopted the best plan I could, for sustaining
which I could sell to most advantage.

with respect to Joseph, all that he has to do is to
settle himself somewhere, and begin the practice of
the law. If he would act, as you, or I would, and as
all men do, ~~and~~ ^{they} ~~mean~~ to support themselves by their
good conduct, & industry, in six months, he would
be beforehand. Some young men in that country, with-
-out education, and knowledge, or half his talents in
any line, are making their way. The trifling sum
that has embarrassed him, and under which he
sunk, would not have been felt, had he done
what he might have done. Still he may advance him-
-self and gain fortune & ease. I will it
not be wonderful if he does not? wonderful, consid-
-ering the facility with which he may succeed. Is
he disposed to make an effort, or does he prefer, re-
-lying as heretofore, on the contributions of his
-friends? He has a mind capable of nice dis-
-crimination, and, in reasoning on the con-
-duct of others, as correct sentiments, and as he
-worthy, as any man. How can he reconcile it
to his feelings, to receive from the labour of
others, what he might so easily gain from his
own? I am very sincerely his friend, but hope to
see him not unmindful, of what he owes to his

own welfare, his character, & the just claims of
his childhood friends.

we have nothing, since I saw you, from
Europe, or the northern frontiers. A walk
or two, must shed much light, on the views &
designs of the British govt. -

your friend
Jas Mounoz

Where is Mr Nelson? is he at home or
gone to the Springs?

Dear
James Mounoz