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James Thomson
July 15th 1816

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My Dear Sir

This is the first moment of leisure that I have enjoyed, for sometime, to attend to my private affairs, and I am resolved to avail myself of it. I have indicated my property, in this country, for sale in the hope of accomplishing it, tho' not in circumstances, nor under the disposition to sacrifice it.

The work I have been busied, I have employed in the ex^{tn} & arrangement of papers, and among them those in which you are interested, and have been surprised to find that I had not inserted the deed for the small parcel of the land, or the ten^{or} picture, as I thought I had done. This shall I do, & recorded next week. Respecting the balance what I owe you, & the sum due, by your notes to the Hunter, I will make the best arrangement in my power, according to your desire. If I succeed in the

in the proposed sale, every thing will be easy.
It has occurred to me, as probable, however
that you contemplated the establishment of a
farm, that it would be agreeable to you to
take Mr. Phelps & his wife. you may do so,
at a valuation, to be made by some of our friends
they belong to your father's estate, are known
to you, and would I presume, as Phelps &
connections here, be unwilling to remove
to Albemarle; that whether I sell the estate
or not, if you desire, you may have them

I am fixed back to Washington to day, on
affairs of some importance, but will soon be
back again, when we will arrange our con-
ditions to your satisfaction. If I do not make
a flying visit to Albemarle, before the day
appointed for the sale here, I shall return
in a week.

I most deeply lament the death of
Mr. Tracy, having entertained for him
very high respect, & sincere attachment
His family, I hope, are in good health
& well provided for. In the hands of

Mr. Locke they will be well taken care of. He
was a very sensible & excellent man.

with great respect & esteem your
friend & servant

James O'Connor