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Dear Sir

Your late letter has relieved me from some anxiety and surpris which your silence had occasioned. I find by it that you had not rec^d. one written 10 days after that which you acknowledge, as to induce a belief that it has altogether miscarried. In it I mentioned some private matters relative to my lot in Wickham & property in the neighbourhood, which Major Lewis writes me he has attended to. On that acct. it is unnecessary to repeat them in this. I must however beg

to mention to a few other objects which were in my late letter. I forgot in the hurry of my departure in Wickham to pay to Mr. McCleary a £170. 0. 0. which I owe him, & to the Messrs. & Mr. Volair 10. 0. 0. 18. 15. 10 good as tell those gentlemen, I owe them respectively that sum, & pay it for me. The balance of what you rec^d. from the executors is abt. equivalent to what you never mind as lend me, which you will of course be pleas^d to retain.

I shall endeavour to procure you a forte piano and send it by this opportunity if possible. It shall certainly be sent by the very next opportunity if this fails, tho' if the vessel does not sail to morrow it shall be sent



Samuel Dyer
a Judge of the Court of
Chancery

~~London~~

Wickham

4/25/80

Mr. Dyer

by this under the care of Capt. Sargeant of Pelham
Mr. M. and our daughter will all be well & happy
I am. I shall wish you to pay to Mr. Adam Craig
or Dr. Turpin, or to Joseph Selden, who will know
which of those gent^l is most proper. Mr. Selden
is so good to take charge of my little concerns
near him on the Swamp.

I am particularly thankful for the in-
-teresting details which you give me abt. my friends
and our publick concerns, for they at all times
engage much of my feelings and attention. The pa-
-pers give a general view of events, but it is on-
-ly from the pen of an actor on the theater, that
sound remarks can be expected, respecting them;
you need be surprised to hear how few letters I
- have rec^d. from Richmond or other parts
the State, on any subject.

You are now settled under the
attention of yr. country, in one of its best
in one of its highest offices. I am happy in the
testimony of the publick confidence reposed in you,
tho' I could have wished it had not been attended
with the mortification to a deserving young man,
wh. the competition must have produced. It is in
your power to acquit yourself with personal
honor & publick advantage, indeed to make a
figure in the office. But to do this you must cor-
-rect the propensity you have for company and
actually devote yourself to the duties of the of-
-fice. Be less social, recollect that no step must be
taken without due consideration; that the highest

error is noted and remembered, and that the only
safe course is to have nothing to correct.

Our affrs. are on a good footing here, as they are with
the other powers. Our country is prosperous & happy
& I trust will always remain so. My family are well
& thankful for the notice you take of them. Let me
- know from you when in yr. power & be assured that I
- am sincerely your friend & servant

Remember me to Justice, Judge Ja. Monroe
& Parents, to the President &
other friends.

The improvement business is a great cause of con-
-fusion, wh. may yet be arranged. But let no holi-
-day idea escape from me.

The piano is sent - my family chose one. The
- whole cost including freight is abt. 950
- other less than the lowest estimate. pay
- amt. to Mr. Jackson, as he is much
- better with my concerns.