

Richmond May 30. 1808.

Dear Sir

I was very sorry that the ^{distressing} circumstance of the death of my young relative Mr Jones while I was in London, prevented my return here in time to have the pleasure of receiving you & Mr Sample on your late visit. I wished much to confer fully with you both on some interesting topics & regret that I was deprived of that opportunity of doing it. I send you by Augustine my correspondence with Mr Jefferson which you will consider as strictly confidential & communicate in the same sense to Mr Sample. I am satisfied with his conduct by the explanation he has given of it. You will be so good as to return it to me as soon as you two have perused it, by the mail, if no private safe opportunity offers, which secures its immediate delivery on the arrival of the stage. I wish it without fail in the course of this week. I shall be happy to have yours & Mr Sample's opinion on it, & of the past I have acted in

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in it.

I think with you that Augustus has not made
the progress that he ought to have done in his educa-
-tion, considering the time he has been engaged in it.
Whether the blame is imputable to him or his
Instructor I will not pretend to determine, nor
indeed have I the facts on which an opinion ought
to be formed. I have communicated most fully
with him, on the past & the future, & hope and be-
-lieve that his future efforts will justify my expec-
-tions in his favor, & the good opinion you entertain
of his capacity & disposition. I shall in future regu-
-late in all things his conduct & studies & supply
him with the means of carrying them on with
effect. His success therefore will depend on himself.
I shall change in part the plan, which has been
pursued, by bringing him to this place as soon
as the course at W^hburg is ended; keep him
here one year under Mr Gooden, aided by my
advice & assistance when it can be given, with
a view to make up for lost time & lay the foundation
of real science. I hope that his conduct the residue of the
time he remains at W^hburg will inspire the Presi-
-dent & you with confidence that he will do well
in future. My intention is, after one year, to replace

him in W^hburg to attend the lectures of the Bishop
& Mr Nelson, of which I will thank you to approve the
former. Inform him also that I shall write him
shortly on the subject.

Augustus informs me that he owes some bills in
W^hburg, that is 20. Dollars to a Mr Henderson, 10 to one
Smith, 10. to Moore, & 5. to a Taylor, which seems inclu-
-ding 40. Dollars the fees to the Professors I enclose to you.
For the first mentioned I will thank you to take re-
-cits. with you I will settle hereafter. a bill to Mr Green
-how I shall pay here. Should he owe others, inform me
of it. Your daughter is in good health & my family are
much gratified to have had the pleasure of her acquain-
-tance. I am Dear Sir very sincerely yours
Ja^s Monroe