

Richmond July 15. 1811.

Dear Sir-

Our assembly adjourned yesterday and I have now a moment to attend to my friends & to my private affairs. I enclose you the two bonds to Mr Walker - executed, & will thank you to be so good as to deliver them, and receive the original and forward it to me. I do not wish the letter to be affixed, as in case a suit should become necessary, I would prefer it should be brought in his rather than in my name, on account of the acquaintance subsisting between the parties and me. As this I presume Mr Walker can have no objection.

It will give me much pleasure to see you whenever - it may be convenient to you to come here. I expect shortly to have a house, and shall have in it a room for you. Indeed it would afford me great satisfaction to pass sometime with you, to confer on the wants which have pressed. In some particulars they have borne hard on me, & speak not of any preference given to another or to others, but of attacks which were made on my character. I really thought that if there was any one living who had given constant, & uniform proof, under discouraging & dangerous circumstances, of devotion to the work of free govt. that I had done it. Even on this head I have not escaped much calumny.

The late occurrence is the more satisfactory as it shows that, my fellow citizens have not given much credit to them.

One of the imputations was, that, while I was acting under the govt., I prompted & joined the minority in its opposition to it, than which nothing could be more unfounded. The truth is my opinions as communicated from Europe, were followed in all points, neither by the govt. or the minority, but had it been otherwise, as it was my duty to give advice ^{to the govt.} as to the part to be pursued, with the powers with whom I had to treat no blame ought to attach to me, growing out of the conduct of others adopted afterwards. Much misrepresentation is to be expected, when it suits particular persons or interests to make it, and it may be said in regard to me, that no indulgence has been shown. This business is I hope at an end. I shall do my duty here, & I have no fear of censure permanently, from the people themselves, when correctly informed.

I intend shortly to visit Albemarle for about 10 or 12 days. I expect to leave this sometime next week, to return early in March. Would it not be agreeable to you to make an excursion so far on my return, of which you shall hear. My best regards attend you & your family - your friend Jas. M. Moore