

Sunday Morning Washington City Oct. 28, 1844

My Dear Sir

Having reflected on the conversation I had with you the other day, and being willing to render you any assistance within my power I appropriate this morning to setting down for your information a few observations which may be of service if attended to early, and before habits of mannerism and prejudice may have warped your mind.

Your path is arduous, and if you ~~are~~ ^{are} office to be following in it, the task you have imposed on your in Mercurian coat, and will require the united genius, perseverance, Patience and Severe. Least three or four years, before you can expect anything beyond a general knowledge of the ~~the~~ to deal with in the mean while however you will improve and Local or unsettled Ideas to principles, refined, but as fixed, as to

Myself - Having your the ~~the~~ self, I may be permitted to explain them to others, and except you feel prepared to encounter, with a determination to overcome all opposing obstacles, I would advise you to abandon the pursuit of Fame through course so uncertain and adventurous, where you will find your self weighed at every step by mortifications of one description or another - Trials will be met with at every stage of your career, and every will breathe a sigh at your happiest productions, even though you should mount the highest Pinnacle of Fame, - Unfortunately the Paths are not

superiorly understood or appreciated in America to make them an
object of pursuit with Men of Literary attainments and I should
hardly recommend it on the score of a profession, but in Europe
it is otherwise, there, Laocells, and sometimes wealth awaits
the successful candidate in ~~the~~ Man Portrait Painting be the
object you mean to aim at, I advise you, quit the Pursuit at once,
for at best it is but the fog end of the ark, if you meddle with it at all,
go forward, and aim at nothing less than being Master of it
in the most Honourable form, History stands first in Rank, next
Landscape, then Still life, and last of all, Portrait Painting
I would advise you to put your self under the superintendance
of the best Artist in this Country possessing a general
taste of colour and design, and also a little of chymistrie -
for a knowledge of chymistrie constitutes the alphabet of the Art, and
if you do not know it, you will neither be able to read or spell,
with respect to the Philadelphia Academy, there
is no doubt, but there are no professors or teachers
to the Paintings, they are not such
safe as any to be trusted, They are for the most
part Copies, and what originals there are of the best Masters,
they were Painted before they had arrived at perfection, and are
different from what they afterwards attained to, as scarcely to be worth
a consideration, and hence the faintness of colour and design
so visible in all the American Artists in My advise would
be that you should place your self under the immediate care
of some good Artist who would direct your Studies properly
and in such a way as to make you acquainted with all that is

necessary and preparatory to your introduction into, I should
the Royal Academy of London, which is the most flourishing insti-
tution of the kind in the World, where Visitors, as they are called,
composed of two thirds of the whole Number of Academicians
stand and direct the Studies of the Pupils, carefully accommodating
their instructions to the particular condition of their respective
capacities, and the peculiar bent of ^{their} geniours —

In the English School will be found a combination
of all that is valuable to be known, from the most classic severity
down to Christian Voluptuousness, or to the more humble
style of art, as it was practised by the Flemish or Dutch Masters,
and where, if you are fortunate enough ^{to} surpass your rivals, you
will, without any regard, as to what country you belong, be rewarded
and sent to Rome, and all expenses ^{paid} for three years —

But it is necessary to be somewhat prepared before
admission can be gained into this school. for as my particular
Friend Mr West, the late President of the Royal Academy used
to observe, they do not teach the Alphabet, but the structures
of the Art — With respect to ^{my} self, I believe him to be
so well employed as a portrait Painter that his time is too much
employed to give proper attention to a pupil, neither do I
believe he would undertake such a task and I know of no other
Person whose I could recommend, Indeed portraits are not what
ought to be placed first in view, your Talents would appear,
from what I could but distantly discern to learn to another
and a better Walk in Art — your best course would be
to place your self whenever under some artist of general
knowledge, place your self along side of him, Live in.

his house, and copy under his instructions, the best
Plaster casts from the antique wherever ~~to~~ be found,
from Fine old Prints after the Best Masters and where you
have become familiar with these, you may try your
strength in original composition, borrowing your
callauring, either from your instructor or drawing upon
your own private resources, but carefully avoid colour
until you, ^{are} in a tolerably ^{degree} Master of Design, and acquainted
with the art of composition.

I should suppose
that one year would prepare you sufficiently for Europe, in
the mean time, however, I should advise you to place your
affections on no Particular ~~of~~ style or line of Art, lest
you have to unlearn anything and thereby lose time.

It frequently happens that our predilections precede our
judgement, therefore be free to select hereafter, and according
to circumstances, which time and changes may present to
your notice.

Philadelphia is perhaps the best City in this country
in which you could acquire information, Book-prints,
Pictures, Statues, ~~and~~, and in fact everything connected
with your wants, are in the greatest abundance there,
and if there ^{are} any Prints on which I can inform you,
I should be happy in doing it. Should you come to
Philadelphia and be able to find no better opportunities of
information than what I might be able to offer, it will
give me pleasure to instruct you.

I am with sincere respect —
To Mr John Chapman }
Jr. }
Alexandria }
J. Shaw

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Mr G. Chapman Esq

Philadelphia Pa

Via Water Street

Mr Linton May 5th 1828



New Orleans 5th May 1828

My dear Sir

I have rec^d several letters from you lately all tending to convince me of the necessity of your presence directly to the

Consul of the property to unwilling to detain you longer I desire you will make your arrangements to depart as soon as you deem this to be only upon hearing from me in about a two weeks the means of your departure for a year - I have consulted with

a number of gentlemen not wishing with the exception of Mr Kennedy who says that £100 Sterling would be ample for your yearly allowance

For the present year I shall permit you at our & withdraw you a credit of 100 Pounds upon which you may take quarterly I continue to rely upon you

prudence & honor in the expenditure of your
means and the improvement of your
valuable time - As I have but one
motivation for assisting you in the prosecution
of your studies and the cultivation of your
genius, I shall be amply rewarded in
your success, which now depends upon
your exertions -

Yr friend
& admirer
J. Livingston



Wm. J. S. Chapman
New Orleans
La. Cal.

New Orleans 16th Oct. 1832

My dear Sir

I have rec^d yours of 1st inst. & must have felt if you had not got around, then I should have felt of having for the 4th supposed taken care by me in Boston, I shall go to the sail. I rejoice in the favorable anticipation you feel yourself authorized now to visit in person with your family - this is certainly a most desirable - this you may believe rely upon & also my friend ship. I take a great interest in your success. Nothing is more important to our best interests than your favorable at. Temperance, industry & economy, virtues equally necessary to success and respectability in any walk of life. I must add that I have the fullest confidence in your observation of them, from education makes them promptness and as long as they is the case you will receive the most of friends in my. So much for the subject your marriage is quite another affair - an affair upon which it is rather impudently presumptuous for me to speak - it is on

Subject upon which advice is always best of
asked, for no man asks advice kindly by mind
of man or when it is useful - It is then
with important step & life & death to be made
considered before the irrevocable step is taken
it will save the labor to gain freedom life
& by choosing you to Mr. Smith's state
decide of the consequences of such
a man to man after a season of reflection
that I wish from my heart that it may result
in every thing that you may wish to have
& I am yours

I am very sincerely
yours
J. L. Moore



Mr John Chapman
Alexandria
Va: Alexandria



N York 7th Sept 1833

My dear Sir

Wth -

I have rec^d your of. 24th with regard to the loan of Mr. Lathrop's passport - I wish it were as fit on - but that I have to you

When it is found that I have been up to know about to Phil^l the amount of I will remit the amount with pleasure - I have in the name of Boston & will write Mr. Ralston on my return & make it to you

On the subject of your business permanently, I regret that I cannot appear fully of your company in Washington, but when Washington & Alexandria there cannot be a moment

MS
Mr. John S. Chapman
Alexandria
No. Columbia

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New York N^o. 4 October 1833

My dear Sir

I am very glad indeed
to learn that you have succeeded in
with Mr. Madison's portrait - I give
my free consent to your having it
engraved - all I wish is that it should
not go into hands that might sell or
publish it - I shall be here till the
10th perhaps the 12th & if you find
any difficulty or drawing upon New
Yorkers for what I am your draw-
ing upon me here - If you can or come
to see me - If you wish to send the
Portrait to Boston do so - I saw your
picture in Phil^a has your sent them
to Boston - they would have sold it and
& would give reputation - In Phil^a
they will run safe -

Mr. Hyde has Rabutson & I
expect here or will be to say - If I do
not see him in his way to New York - I shall
write him on the subject in the mean
time - I shall have the pleasure of let him
know that I shall write him on the subject

Send Mrs. Linton's picture
out by the first vessel - if it is ready
& give - I suppose it is finished

Mr. Stah - you are not in the
specimen that Mrs. Linton is to buy your
to present us to your family & your
interest of the subject

Yours truly
J. Spruare

Have shown your way from Paulding

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Mr John F Chapman

Alexander

Esq. Cambridge



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New York 13th October 1833

My dear Sir

I am truly pleased to find by yours of 7th inst. that your time is fully occupied because I presume it is probably empty employed - Incurtury allied to talents and genius my friend will attain the very pinnacle of glory & leave a noble name to descend to posterity, my young friend is they period for exertions - your hour as he is & believe me too, not the least of our view it with the short you have application is all that is required to reach you -

gentle reminder this admonition - it proceeds from an unaffected desire to see you prosper & the object of affection I feel for you - I made the most of Mr Madison's portrait and then sent it over in frames - your picture with I imagine very much - that is called an too small to attract much attention - but that is the

if taken up by yourself would not only sell better
but the means of selling in the water & many, for
making your known to the most liberal and
celebrated community of the west also that
you have been on in the States - I shall buy
the paintings in Phil^a but will refer to Hayes
& indeed I believe that any particularly fine things
might all compare with it unequal & that
they may be full as good - the few friends that
I could trust there were surprised that
such paintings should be there & not long
generally known - If I fully want get Mr.
Walsh to remove them privately, or put them
into the Academy it would be far better than
keeping them in the exhibition room - I have about
what I may think - I have written Mr. Ketchum

at Richmond yesterday so that the picture for
the gallery of it will arrive together
You had better draw upon me
at the longest sight the Bank will take it at
Washington at once - I would prefer it to sell

direct Mr. Thompson to accept it, or if you delay
it for a fortnight & then draw I should be able
before I will accept it myself - I should prefer
the picture - I shall sail on 15 or 16th at the
outside & you will not have time to send
the picture safe here for acceptance - they is the day
are really disappointed for now going but when they
they seem to be down that we are disappointed

I shall always feel
pleased to hear from you especially of
your success, which I look upon as
depending now entirely upon yourself
I am very sincerely
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if taken up by yourself would not only sell better
but the means of selling at the rate I mean, if
making you known to the most liberal and
celebrated connoisseurs & the rest also that
you have been on in the States - I think they
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it for a fortnight & then draw I should be able
before I will accept it myself - I should prefer
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outside & you will not have time to send
the other safe here for acceptance - they is the way
are, really designed for new young but when they
they I am to be done that is important

I shall always feel
pleased to hear from you especially if
your success, which I look upon as
depending now entirely upon yourself
I am very sincerely
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N. Orleans. 8th May 1836

Dear Sir

I am happy to receive yours of
 7th ult^o by which you inform me with
 the hope of your being employed by the government
 in some of the posts on the Spanish side of
 Capital - your great want in means of
 effecting this object is well known & may not
 be in your power as I cannot but apprehend if
 your salary in Washington - your salary
 may then be employed at at least some
 probably that in your native land - and
 your friends in the North - the more you are
 established and employed your fortune is made -
 but I have no idea of your doing anything
 unless you know. And I am not anxious about
 in mind - intending to make some alterations
 in my bank among pictures are packed away
 The only advantage that the
 profession of at least Robert could be to you would
 be to wear you from your present location, to
 open a new world to you and to make you known
 & this would have been another source of salary

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Mr John S. Chapman
 Washington
 D. C.



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and in this case it is necessary that you do not
accept - however you are still going and by making
an effort to be engaged in it - what
you prefer

I have a number of copies of being
you a form of Congress should contain a ribbon
and I think this speaks more with you on
this subject - You promised me last summer
some of the manuscripts of your Washington
which I should prize beyond all price - Perhaps
you have not been able to accomplish this - perhaps
you have not been able to venture it - If nothing at
all prevents it your best and
most important service by obtaining that I send it
to you - it would you have from me -

My health is so much improved
that nothing is now wanted but a ride for the
Lake of Geneva - I think of going up to
Washington to see the Session of Congress
upon which the duration of the Government now
depends - it is an equal chance that I shall
not go yet I may -
Johnston has been several

Years at home without achieving anything
to merit your favor and I think I think
some farther effort is necessary in order
I see your consent the means -

W. Spring
St. Louis

We have had the pleasure of a short
from Major Lewis's family but it
much to thank to obtain me to be
was and to that - this family has
made a great arrangement to be
had it with the collection of great
pleasure -

Charles J. Chapman Esq

Albany

Esq: Calender

New York 26th May 1834

My Dear Sir

I thank you for your very kind
letter of 26th ult^o and deeply sympathize
with you in the disappointment you have
experienced in the result of your suit against
Mr Carr's estate, but with a true philosophy
you take consolation in yourself & your family
where all the moral & practical virtues are
cultivated, so necessary to our happiness and
repose -

I offer my cordial felicitations
on the occasion of the birth of your grand
son for whom I offer up my prayers
& feel in all the fervor the best wishes complete
wishes for you by giving my name to him
which I hope he should not forget - I hope
you may live to see him and see honors to
his family & his country as the Calvert
with gifts in the more peaceful arts of
life - I too have had a son born to me

our return, who is now a young fellow
We have had a vision of the
Catharine of the Dictator & the Great South
to the I hope freedom and patriotism &
wisdom of Verden would save the institutions
from the mad Ambition
We are all united & united
to the hands the most respectful regards
I Am yours

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23 April 1836

My Dear Chapman,

I have been terribly afraid I should not secure the next packet which sails tomorrow unless its a day or two after its time but hope I shall ^{soon} goods must my Agent informs me he ships 2 days before the sailing of the packet therefore to save no time in forwarding it to him I have written you to request have no news where with to acquaint you all your old friends all well but poor Shotton who is a great sufferer I am going down to him this evening Roods is in the country I received a letter

S. G. Chapman Esq.

at Water St

New York

from him the other day to say I must prepare myself for a portrait he is painting to be engraved - Hope you will find the enclosed a good ground it looks beautiful I have well wash'd it, and had a deep case made

as I think it can come to no harm - your other packages sail'd by the St James the 19th ult which I hope you will receive safely - I shall direct the agent to enclose his charges the amount

for the armour was £1. 4. 0 the case for the plate
Angles bill - - - 2. 18. 0 I shall no doubt in
Batter for ground 4. 0. 0 due time receive
£ 9. 12. 0

The £10 you have forwarded thro' Mr. Adlard -
The account of the armour is enclosed hoping you will receive all safe - write soon when you receive them as I shall be anxious to learn about them -

Forgive all blunders etc as I write in such a hurry - Hope my dear fellow Mr. Chapman is restored to his wonted vivacity and health after his severe afflictions and yourself be and that you will vigorously pursue your avocation
excuse more as I respect the Cause every moment

Believe me dear Chapman

Yours very sincerely

Sam Bellin

Naples 7th Oct. 1830

My dear John

Your will be
surprised to learn that

My Lee & I are ^{will be} men
your - & I hope pleased

to find that we are on
our way to Rome. I have

an opportunity to write you

by Mr. Rapis of Richmond - but

he gives me ~~the~~ time only to

say a few words. In about

3 days I shall go to Palermo

on my Return shall proceed to
Rome so that in 10 days you
may count on seeing me. They
you to get me cheap accom-
-modations, but combine with
the special quality of cheap-
ness - good fare good furniture
good view & good situation
you can ascertain whether
these requisites can be
better acquired by taking
apartments & arranging for
dinner etc from a Restaurateur
or whether apartments &

whole - which furnishes a table, and
be the more suitable arrangement.

I am very well supplied with cash
& very well qualified to economize it
& therefore feel obliged to trespass
on your valuable time and
elegant presents a little for
my own humble necessities.

I have a fine young ~~the~~ fellow
head of yr name with me
the son of the ~~dr~~ in ~~the~~
who says he is related to you
he does not propose going
to Rome, so that ~~2~~ Room will

be sufficient for Mrs. Lee &
myself. I hope you will please
us as near to you as you can
on the receipt of this letter - write
immediately & tell me when
I shall find you on my
arrival - address to the
Hôtel de la Victoire

Yrs very sincerely

A. Lee

Mrs. Lee will be
after you

J. G. Chapman

British Consulate

Baltimore Septem^r 16^t
1833

Sir

I have to acknowledge the
Receipt of your letter of the 14^t inst.,
by which I regret to find you
can no longer continue to
perform the duties of Acting
British Vice Consul for the
District of Columbia. Your
son Mr. John G. Chapman
having this day called on me
and signified his readiness to
take charge of the Vice Consulate,
I have therefore, agreeable to your
recommendation, appointed him
to succeed you as Acting British

J. G. Chapman Esq,
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Vice

Vice Consul, and I have to
request that you will hand
over to him the Official Seal,
and all documents in your
possession appertaining to the
Office. I cannot close this
letter without again expressing
my regret at the necessity
of your resigning this situation,
from the very efficient manner
in which you have uniformly
conducted the business of the
Vice Consulate, and I take this
occasion of expressing my entire
approbation of your conduct
during the period of your con-
nection with this Consulate.

I have the honor to

be.

With great Regard

Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

John Crawford

British Consulate
Baltimore Novem. 6th 1834

B.

Sir

Your letter of the 4th inst. has just been handed me by Mr. Poincy, and it is with deep concern I learn the demise of your much esteemed Parent.

I also beg to express my regret at the prospect of losing your valuable services as Acting British Vice Consul.

At your suggestion I have appointed Mr. Poincy to fill the vacancy occasioned by your resignation, & I have to request that you will hand over to him all the documents & in your possession appertaining to the Vice Consulate.

To John G. Chapman Esq

I cannot take leave of this
subject without expressing the very
great satisfaction I have derived
from your able management of
the duties of the Office; to which
it will at all times afford me
pleasure to bear testimony.

Wishing you every success
in your future prospects,

I have the honor
to remain with great regard

Sir,

Your most Obedt
& humble Servant

John Crawford

Washington 4th July 1836.

Sir

The joint committee of the two houses of Congress, appointed for the purpose of contracting with one or more competent artists for pictures to fill the vacant panels of the rotundo of the Capitol at Washington, have directed us to propose to artists, whom they have selected, that they should furnish to the committee at Washington, prior to the first of January next, sketches or small pictures of the subjects upon which they might feel disposed to exercise their pencils in order that the committee might be able to judge of the merits of the design and have an additional guide in their final selection of the artists to be employed.

It is not intended to impose any fetters upon genius by the indication of subjects. The artists will therefore be left at liberty, (subject however to the approval of the committee), to exercise their skill in the illustration of any important events, civil or military, connected with the discovery of the western continent the discovery & settlement of the colonies which now compose the United States of America, the separation of those colonies from Great Britain or with the history of the United States up to the time of the adoption of the federal constitution. A reasonable compensation will be made for the sketches whether the subjects be or be not selected for the rotundo.

If agreeable to you to enter into the competition you will please to give information to either of the subscribers, & also to name the terms & the time which you would propose for the performance of the work if you were selected. In asking for these it is far from the intention of the committee to impose any restraint upon you in point of time or to cavil at the price which you may propose.

It may perhaps be well to mention that the panels to be

filled are about 24 feet by 18 feet that the light is admitted from the centre of the ceiling.

We remain

Yours obedt. Servts

John C. Calhoun

Chairman of the Committee of the Senate

Leopold Davis

Chairman of the Committee of the House of Representatives

Edmund M. Davis

19.

Fredericksburg Nov. 11. 1853.

The residence of the parents of Genl. Wash-
ington near Fredericksburg is now to the ground a few scattered
pieces of sandstone here & there a mutilated brick & fragments of
earthen ware & china &c and the recollection of some of the
oldest inhabitants of Fredg. are the only means left of as-
certaining its location, which, however, is identified by
a question - Whether the family removed from Westmoreland
after the house in which Genl. Washington was born was burnt
- The father of Genl. W. seems, according to Mr. Curtis' infor-
mation to me, to have resided near Fredg. with ~~the~~ ^{the} view to
the prosecution of a scheme in which he was an active agent
of an extensive mining company known as "The Bristol
Company" - on this point Judge Loman informs me there
is great probability that such was the fact as he recollects
to have met with a document in the Clerk's office here
relative to it - Mr. Curtis makes him a prominent agent
of the company, Judge Loman thinks he ~~certainly~~ might
have been - but on this subject, if essential, & you are not
already informed enquiry can readily be made -

I have just returned from a visit to the spot
now occupied by the M. family & from thence went
to see Hugh Mercer Esq. (son of Genl. Mercer who was
killed at Princeton) who now holds the property
which was purchased by his father from the Washington
at least I am left under that impression from his

his conversation - He is now an old man ^{*} and has a
very vague recollection of the time that his mother re-
sided there which was soon after the W. family left it
It was a small house & of humble appearance situated
on an ~~abrupt~~ abrupt elevation from a flat or alluvial
formation of land ~~some~~ 1/2 mile from the river and about the
same distance from the main road leading to the lower
ferry I am particular in naming the distance from the
house to the river from a story that passes current for
truth in & about Fred's that when a youth Geo Washington
was the only boy in the county that could throw a stone
from the door of his mother's dwelling across the Rappa
harbour. ~~Some of your references for the Mr. Mercer's~~
recollection of the house itself seems very undecided indeed
but to be candid and after all it is the best report and in
writing to you, sir, on this subject I feel it my duty to
peruse with a warm feeling assured that you will con-
sider whatever I may communicate as confidential - I find
in Mr Mercer altho' using towards him all the frankness of
manner I could assume a diffidence of communication
that I do not exactly understand - But he has the reputation
of a certain meanness of character that you can readily un-
derstand to exist in some minds when seated in the midst
of affluence & luxury ~~the~~ they look across the river
at their birth place the home of their fathers now gone but
which men talk of as a "nicely contracted & shabby house"

* perhaps I should apologize to Mr Mercer for calling him an old man, he
is I believe about 55.

and seem restless and uneasy at its mention tho' in that
very hour a Washington was wanted I went with
and introduced by a gentleman intimate in the family under
the hope we should see Mr Mercer from whom we had
reason to hope a fair ungarish'd ~~but~~ description of the
house before it tumbled down and unfortunately my friend
by an unskillful management of the business thwarted our
purpose & we found Mr M. only - Be not alarmed, my
dear sis, I have never committed you but to whom I felt
that you yourself would not hesitate - and have always
induced the belief when seeking information that I sought
it only in reference to a series of paintings I desired to
make illustrative of the life of Washington and further
I must apologize for this digression on the score that I
am anxious to let you know every thing that I know about
the matter - From Mr Mercer's description I should judge
the house to be something like this composed of four rooms
and perhaps a loft the fire places in the corners of the rooms
in the old fashioned style of Virginia farm houses - Mr.



Mercer recollects a number of peach trees that grew
about it & a pear tree the stump of which is still visible
at some distance otherwise it was very much exposed - About
fifty yards from the house is an old tomb stone on which
is written

Here lies the body
of William Strother
Gentleman who
departed this life

November the twenty
fifth 1732 in the
thirty eighth year
of his age.



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Claymont Dec 12th 1833

My dear Sir

I have just received your favour of the 5th ult.; and my unhappiness at keeping poor Sybax in irons (for the jailor in C. town will not receive Negroes on any other terms) is such, that I hasten to reply.

My Brother Mr. B. C. Washington thinks as you would have the trouble of sending for Sybax and his Wife, that I ought not to expect more than \$800 for them, and indeed I had rather take \$750 from Mr. Linton, than \$800 from a common purchaser. I should not be willing to part from the boy, unless assured he would remain with his Mother. The defect in the Woman's wrist is far from being such as to prevent her doing every description of work, and picking Cotton is one, which I am sure she would be fully adequate to. I would not have taken a thousand dollars for Sybax, except for this most unfortunate event, and would now gladly retain him, did I not feel convinced, it is absolutely necessary to make an example & deter others from pursuing the same course.

I shall be much obliged to you to let me have an early & positive answer.

Present my affectionate respects to your parents and Mr. Chapman in which I am sure my family

would write did they know of any writing.

I am Sir with much respect & esteem

your friend

Jane C. Washington

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May 31
Richd. C. Washington

Gentlemen

Within a few miles of Peekskill (on the road
to Lake Mayopac) there is a most picturesque farm
house on a hill side which the people of the country
associate with the memory of Washington. A table
is said to preserve there on which Washington used
to dine. It is with Mr. Chapman's pencil
sketch this for your promised life of Washington it
will afford the value of this and doubtless many other
reminiscences with the vicinity no little satisfaction.
We have now firmly received by a Major Hyatt
(I believe) a strong presence of order in the minds of
the Country who infected that region.

Truly yours
Chas. M. Washington

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