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FOREWORD

THE 575 DOCUMENTS in this volume cover the period from 1 July 1823 to 31 March 1824. During this time Jefferson continued to be interested in events both foreign and domestic. The success of the Holy Alliance in crushing liberal political movements in Naples and Spain raised the prospect that it would soon turn its attention to the newly independent Spanish colonies in the New World. After close consultation with his predecessors Jefferson and James Madison, and with the initial support of the British government, James Monroe announced on 2 December 1823 what would later become known as the “Monroe Doctrine,” stating in a message to Congress that “the American Continents . . . are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by any European Power.” This policy did not, Jefferson thought, preclude the United States from doing so. In October 1823 he asked Monroe whether we wished “to acquire to our own Confederacy any one or more of the Spanish provinces?” He went on to “candidly confess that I have ever looked on Cuba as the most interesting addition which could ever be made to our system of states.” Greece’s attempt to secure its independence from the Ottoman Empire garnered Jefferson’s attention and sympathy as well, and led to a fascinating exchange of letters with the noted Greek scholar, physician, and political leader Adamantios Coray.

All the while, the upcoming presidential election of 1824 captivated the nation. Although Jefferson tried to stay out of it, various newspapers expressed their opinions about his preferences and attempted to make political hay whenever they caught wind of a possible visit to Monticello by one of the leading candidates. Jefferson worried that the Federalists who had recently joined the Republican ranks had not abandoned their former, to his mind wrongheaded, views. He also expressed concern that the process of amending the United States Constitution, because of the large number of small states, was too difficult, and he stated that he had “ever considered the constitutional mode of election” of president, which was to be decided, in the event of an indecisive outcome in the Electoral College, “ultimately by the legislature voting by states, as the most dangerous blot in our constitution.” Controversies over the origin and composition of the Declaration of Independence put forward by John Jay and Timothy Pickering led to lively exchanges between the three living ex-presidents, and Jefferson continued to look to the dispersion of slaves westward and the emigration of free Blacks from the United States to Haiti, where

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they might live under “a government of their colour,” as his preferred solutions to the blight of chattel slavery. Late in February 1824, the noted British political reformer John Cartwright sent Jefferson two of his works on the English constitution, along with a copy of a lengthy letter he had written to John Quincy Adams discussing, in a friendly manner, the things he thought might pose a threat to the perpetuation of liberty in the United States.

As before, the establishment and construction of the University of Virginia took up much of Jefferson’s time and energy. When Joseph C. Cabell proved unable to travel to Europe to hire the school’s first faculty, Jefferson and Madison decided to ask the attorney Francis W. Gilmer to undertake the task. Jefferson, Cabell, and their friends in the Virginia General Assembly labored long and hard in successful efforts to have the institution’s loans from the state’s Literary Fund turned into an outright grant, which they deemed of vital importance if the school was to open in a timely fashion, and, late in the 1823–24 legislative session, to obtain \$50,000 in additional funding for the acquisition of books and scientific apparatus for the university. Jefferson was also intimately involved at this time in collecting information about how best to regulate and equip the institution, and in the ordering, transportation, and installation of the capitals for the pavilions and Rotunda.

Although incapacitated by a fever for three weeks during the summer of 1823, Jefferson still found time to design gymnasia for the University of Virginia, provide Cabell with a plan he had drawn up earlier for the construction of a new jail in Nelson County, and confer with Reverend Frederick W. Hatch about the building of Charlottesville’s first freestanding church. He wrote a letter to a namesake infant, Thomas Jefferson Grotjan, advising him to “Adore God. reverence and cherish your parents. love your neighbor as yourself; and your country more than life. be just. be true. murmur not at the ways of Providence, and the life into which you have entered will be the passage to one of eternal and ineffable bliss.” He described coffee to another correspondent as “the favorite beverage of the civilised world.” Lastly, Jefferson lamented the mid-September 1823 death of his son-in-law John Wayles Eppes, and he reassured John Adams that the publication of a collection of letters containing passages written by Adams critical of Jefferson would not impair their friendship.

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Finally, the Editors note with deepest regret the passing of three of our dearest friends, David McCullough, Thomas A. Saunders III, and Lauren Lepow.

David McCullough was the author of a dozen extraordinarily popular works on all aspects of American history, two of which won the Pulitzer Prize, and a gifted narrator whose voice became universally known in documentaries and audiobooks. During his time as an esteemed and influential member of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation Board of Trustees, he had the idea of bringing the Retirement Series to Monticello and successfully challenged the Board to take on this responsibility. Passionate in his belief in the central importance of the creation and completion of reliable editions of the papers of Jefferson and others of the Founders in order to understand and defend the nation's ideals, Mr. McCullough tirelessly lobbied for private and public funding for such projects. His consistent and vocal support for our work meant a great deal to us.

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As a highly respected Thomas Jefferson Foundation Trustee and Board Chairman, Thomas A. Saunders III was a steadfast supporter of the Foundation's various scholarly endeavors. His leading, generous financial contribution helped launch the Retirement Series, and he remained a champion of the project from that time forward. He and his wife Jordan also generously endowed the position of the Saunders Director of the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies. Education was at the center of many of Mr. Saunders's philanthropic interests throughout the course of his life, and we will always be grateful to have been included among them.

Shortly after this volume was submitted to Princeton University Press, Lauren Lepow, who had served as our production editor since 2015, began a well-earned but all-too-brief retirement, tragically cut short by her death on 18 April 2023. Along with the many other authors and editors who benefited immensely from her sharp eye, unflappable demeanor, ready wit, unfailing encouragement, command of all aspects of the publication process, and passionate commitment to the highest scholarly standards, the Editors are greatly saddened by her loss.

EDITORIAL METHOD AND APPARATUS

1. RENDERING THE TEXT

From its inception *The Papers of Thomas Jefferson* has insisted on high standards of accuracy in rendering text, but modifications in textual policy and editorial apparatus have been implemented as different approaches have become accepted in the field or as a more faithful rendering has become technically feasible. Prior discussions of textual policy appeared in Vols. 1:xxix–xxxiv, 22:vii–xi, 24:vii–viii, and 30:xiii–xiv of the First Series.

The textual method of the Retirement Series will adhere to the more literal approach adopted in Volume 30 of the parent edition. Original spelling, capitalization, and punctuation are retained as written. Such idiosyncrasies as Jefferson's failure to capitalize the beginnings of most of his sentences and abbreviations like "mr" are preserved, as are his preference for "it's" to "its" and his characteristic spellings of "knolege," "paiment," and "recieve." Modern usage is adopted in cases where intent is impossible to determine, an issue that arises most often in the context of capitalization. Some so-called slips of the pen are corrected, but the original reading is recorded in a subjoined textual note. Jefferson and others sometimes signaled a change in thought within a paragraph with extra horizontal space, and this is rendered by a three-em space. Blanks left for words and not subsequently filled by the authors are represented by a space approximating the length of the blank. Gaps, doubtful readings of illegible or damaged text, and wording supplied from other versions or by editorial conjecture are explained in the source note or in numbered textual notes. Foreign-language documents, the vast majority of which are in French during the retirement period, are transcribed in full as faithfully as possible and followed by a full translation.

Two modifications from past practice bring this series still closer to the original manuscripts. Underscored text is presented as such rather than being converted to italics. Superscripts are also preserved rather than being lowered to the baseline. In most cases of superscripting, the punctuation that is below or next to the superscripted letters is dropped, since it is virtually impossible to determine what is a period or dash as opposed to a flourish under, over, or adjacent to superscripted letters.

Limits to the more literal method are still recognized, however, and readability and consistency with past volumes are prime considerations.

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In keeping with the basic design implemented in the first volume of the Papers, salutations and signatures continue to display in large and small capitals rather than upper- and lowercase letters. Expansion marks over abbreviations are silently omitted. With very rare exceptions, deleted text and information on which words were added during the process of composition is not displayed within the document transcription. Based on the Editors' judgment of their significance, such emendations are either described in numbered textual notes or ignored. Datelines for letters are consistently printed at the head of the text, with a comment in the descriptive note when they have been moved. Address information, endorsements, and docketed are quoted or described in the source note rather than reproduced in the document proper.

2. TEXTUAL DEVICES

The following devices are employed throughout the work to clarify the presentation of the text.

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| [. . .] | Text missing and not conjecturable. The size of gaps longer than a word or two is estimated in annotation. |
| [] | Number or part of number missing or illegible. |
| [roman] | Conjectural reading for missing or illegible matter. A question mark follows when the reading is doubtful. |
| [<i>italic</i>] | Editorial comment inserted in the text. |
| < <i>italic</i> > | Matter deleted in the manuscript but restored in our text. |

3. DESCRIPTIVE SYMBOLS

The following symbols are employed throughout the work to describe the various kinds of manuscript originals. When a series of versions is included, the first to be recorded is the one used for the printed text.

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| Dft | draft (usually a composition or rough draft; multiple drafts, when identifiable as such, are designated "2d Dft," etc.) |
| Dupl | duplicate |
| MS | manuscript (arbitrarily applied to most documents other than letters) |
| PoC | polygraph copy |
| PrC | press copy |
| RC | recipient's copy |
| SC | stylograph copy |
| Tripl | triplicate |

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All manuscripts of the above types are assumed to be in the hand of the author of the document to which the descriptive symbol pertains. If not, that fact is stated. The following types of manuscripts are assumed not to be in the hand of the author, and exceptions will be noted:

- FC file copy (applied to all contemporary copies retained by the author or his agents)
- Tr transcript (applied to all contemporary and later copies except file copies; period of transcription, unless clear by implication, will be given when known)

4. LOCATION SYMBOLS

The locations of documents printed in this edition from originals in private hands and from printed sources are recorded in self-explanatory form in the descriptive note following each document. The locations of documents printed or referenced from originals held by public and private institutions in the United States are recorded by means of the symbols used in the *MARC Code List for Organizations* (2000) maintained by the Library of Congress. The symbols DLC and MHi by themselves stand for the collections of Jefferson Papers proper in these repositories. When texts are drawn from other collections held by these two institutions, the names of those collections are added. Location symbols for documents held by institutions outside the United States are given in a subjoined list. The lists of symbols are limited to the institutions represented by documents printed or referred to in this volume.

- CSmH Huntington Library, San Marino, California
 - JF Jefferson File
 - JF-BA Jefferson File, Bixby Acquisition
 - JF-RAB Jefferson File, formerly in Robert A. Brock Collection
 - RAB Robert A. Brock Collection
- CtY Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut
- DCHi Historical Society of Washington, D.C., Washington, D.C.
- DLC Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
 - NPT Nicholas Philip Trist Papers
 - TJ Papers Thomas Jefferson Papers(this is assumed if not stated, but also given as

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indicated to furnish the precise location of an undated, misdated, or otherwise problematic document, thus “DLC: TJ Papers, 213:38071–2” represents volume 213, folios 38071 and 38072 as the collection was arranged at the time the first microfilm edition was made in 1944–45. Access to the microfilm edition of the collection as it was rearranged under the Library’s Presidential Papers Program is provided by the *Index to the Thomas Jefferson Papers* [1976]

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National Archives, Washington, D.C., with identifications of series (preceded by record group number) as follows:

CD	Consular Dispatches
CS	Census Schedules
CSRW1812	Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers who Served During the War of 1812
DD	Diplomatic Dispatches
ESRT	Estimates and Statements by the Register of the Treasury
LAR	Letters of Application and Recommendation
LPPM	Legislative Proceedings, President’s Messages
MLR	Miscellaneous Letters Received
NPEDP	Naturalization Petitions to the United States Circuit and District Courts for the East- ern District of Pennsylvania
PLVNY	Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New York
RBCCA	Records of Boundary and Claims Commissions and Arbitrations
RWP	Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files

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MBNEH	New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston
MdHi	Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore
MeB	Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine
MH	Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts
MHi	Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston
MiU-C	Clements Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
MoSHi	Missouri History Museum, Saint Louis TJC-BC Thomas Jefferson Collection, text formerly in Bixby Collection
MoSW	Washington University, Saint Louis, Missouri
MWA	American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Massachusetts
N	New York State Library, Albany
NBuHi	Buffalo History Museum, Buffalo, New York
Nc-Ar	North Carolina Office of Archives and History, Raleigh
NcU	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill NPT Southern Historical Collection, Nicholas Philip Trist Papers
NcWsW	Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina
NHi	New-York Historical Society, New York City
NIC	Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
NjMoHP	Morristown National Historical Park, Morristown, New Jersey
NjP	Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey
NjTSA	New Jersey State Archives, Trenton
NN	New York Public Library, New York City
NNGL	Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, New York City
NNgWHM	Washington's Headquarters Museum, Newburgh, New York
NNPM	Pierpont Morgan Library, New York City
PBm	Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania
PHarH	Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg
PHC	Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania
PHi	Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia
PMA	Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania

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PPAmP	American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania DCAR	David Center for the American Revolution
PPDR-Ar	Philadelphia Department of Records, City Archives	
PPL	Library Company of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	
PPP _r Hi	Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	
PU	University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia	
ScU	University of South Carolina, Columbia	
TxLibSH	Sam Houston Regional Library, Liberty, Texas	
Vi	Library of Virginia, Richmond	
ViCMRL	Thomas Jefferson Library, Thomas Jefferson Foundation, Inc., Charlottesville, Virginia	
ViHi	Virginia Historical Society, Richmond	
ViU	University of Virginia, Charlottesville	
	FWG	Francis Walker Gilmer Papers
	JHC	John Hartwell Cocke Papers
	PP	Papers from the Office of the Proctor and Papers of the Proctor of the University of Virginia
	TJP	Thomas Jefferson Papers
	TJP-AG	Thomas Jefferson Papers, text formerly in Alexander Garrett Papers
	TJP-CC	Thomas Jefferson Papers, text formerly in Carr-Cary Papers
	TJP-ER	Thomas Jefferson Papers, text formerly in Edgehill- Randolph Papers
	TJP-PC	Thomas Jefferson Papers, text formerly in Philip B. Campbell Deposit
	TJP-PP	Thomas Jefferson Papers, text formerly in Papers of the Proctor of the Univer- sity of Virginia

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TJP-VMJB	Thomas Jefferson Papers, Visitors Minutes, University of Virginia and its predecessors, copy prepared after 7 Oct. 1826 for James Breckinridge
TJP-VMJCC	Thomas Jefferson Papers, Visitors Minutes, University of Virginia and its predecessors, copy prepared after 7 Oct. 1826 for Joseph C. Cabell
TJP-VMJHC	Thomas Jefferson Papers, Visitors Minutes, University of Virginia and its predecessors, copy prepared after 7 Oct. 1826 for John H. Cocke
TJP-VMTJ	Thomas Jefferson Papers, Visitors Minutes, University of Virginia and its predecessors, original manuscript largely in Thomas Jefferson's hand during the period of his service
ViW	College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia
	TC-JP Jefferson Papers, Tucker-Coleman Collection
	TJP Thomas Jefferson Papers

The following symbols represent repositories located outside of the United States:

GRCKL	Koraes Library, Chios, Greece
ItPi	Archivio di Stato di Pisa, Pisa, Italy
	AFM Archivio Filippo Mazzei
UkLoLMA	London Metropolitan Archives, London, United Kingdom
UkNA	National Archives, Kew, United Kingdom
UkOxU- HM	Harris Manchester College, Oxford University, Oxford, United Kingdom

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5. OTHER ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

The following abbreviations and symbols are commonly employed in the annotation throughout the work.

- Lb Letterbook (used to indicate texts copied or assembled into bound volumes)
- RG Record Group (used in designating the location of documents in the Library of Virginia and the National Archives)
- SJL Jefferson's "Summary Journal of Letters" written and received for the period 11 Nov. 1783 to 25 June 1826 (in DLC: TJ Papers). This epistolary record, kept in Jefferson's hand, has been checked against the TJ Editorial Files. It is to be assumed that all outgoing letters are recorded in SJL unless there is a note to the contrary. When the date of receipt of an incoming letter is recorded in SJL, it is incorporated in the notes. Information and discrepancies revealed in SJL but not found in the letter itself are also noted. Missing letters recorded in SJL are accounted for in the notes to documents mentioning them, in related documents, or in an appendix
- TJ Thomas Jefferson
- TJ Editorial Files Photoduplicates and other editorial materials in the office of the Papers of Thomas Jefferson: Retirement Series, Jefferson Library, Thomas Jefferson Foundation, Inc., Charlottesville
- d Penny or denier
- f Florin or franc
- £ Pound sterling or livre, depending on context (in doubtful cases, a clarifying note will be given)
- s Shilling or sou (also expressed as /)
- tt Livre Tournois
- ⌘ Per (occasionally used for pro, pre)
- „ Old-style guillemet (European quotation mark)

6. SHORT TITLES

The following list includes short titles of works cited frequently in this edition. Since it is impossible to anticipate all the works to be cited in abbreviated form, the list is revised from volume to volume.

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Alumni Dublinenses George Dames Burtchaell and Thomas Ulick Sadleir, eds., *Alumni Dublinenses: A Register of the Students*,

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Graduates, Professors and Provosts of Trinity College in the University of Dublin (1593–1860), 1935

ANB John A. Garraty and Mark C. Carnes, eds., *American National Biography*, 1999, 24 vols.

Annals *Annals of the Congress of the United States: The Debates and Proceedings in the Congress of the United States . . . Compiled from Authentic Materials*, Washington, D.C., Gales & Seaton, 1834–56, 42 vols. (All editions are undependable and pagination varies from one printing to another. Citations given below are to the edition mounted on the Century of Lawmaking for a New Nation website of the Library of Congress and give the date of the debate as well as page numbers.)

APS American Philosophical Society

ASP *American State Papers: Documents, Legislative and Executive, of the Congress of the United States*, 1832–61, 38 vols.

Axelson, *Virginia Postmasters* Edith F. Axelson, *Virginia Postmasters and Post Offices, 1789–1832*, 1991

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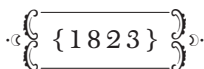
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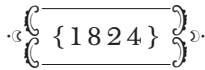
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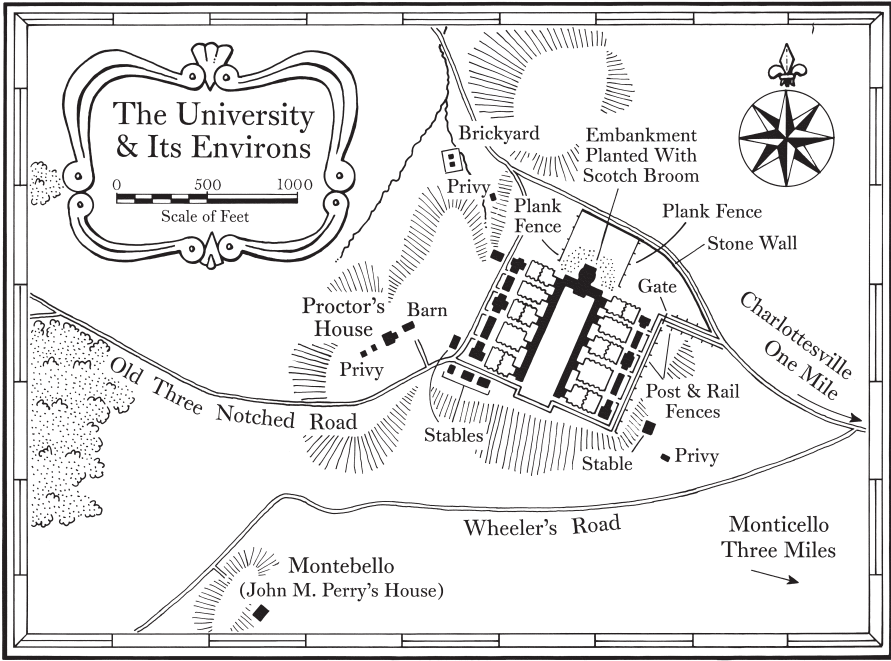
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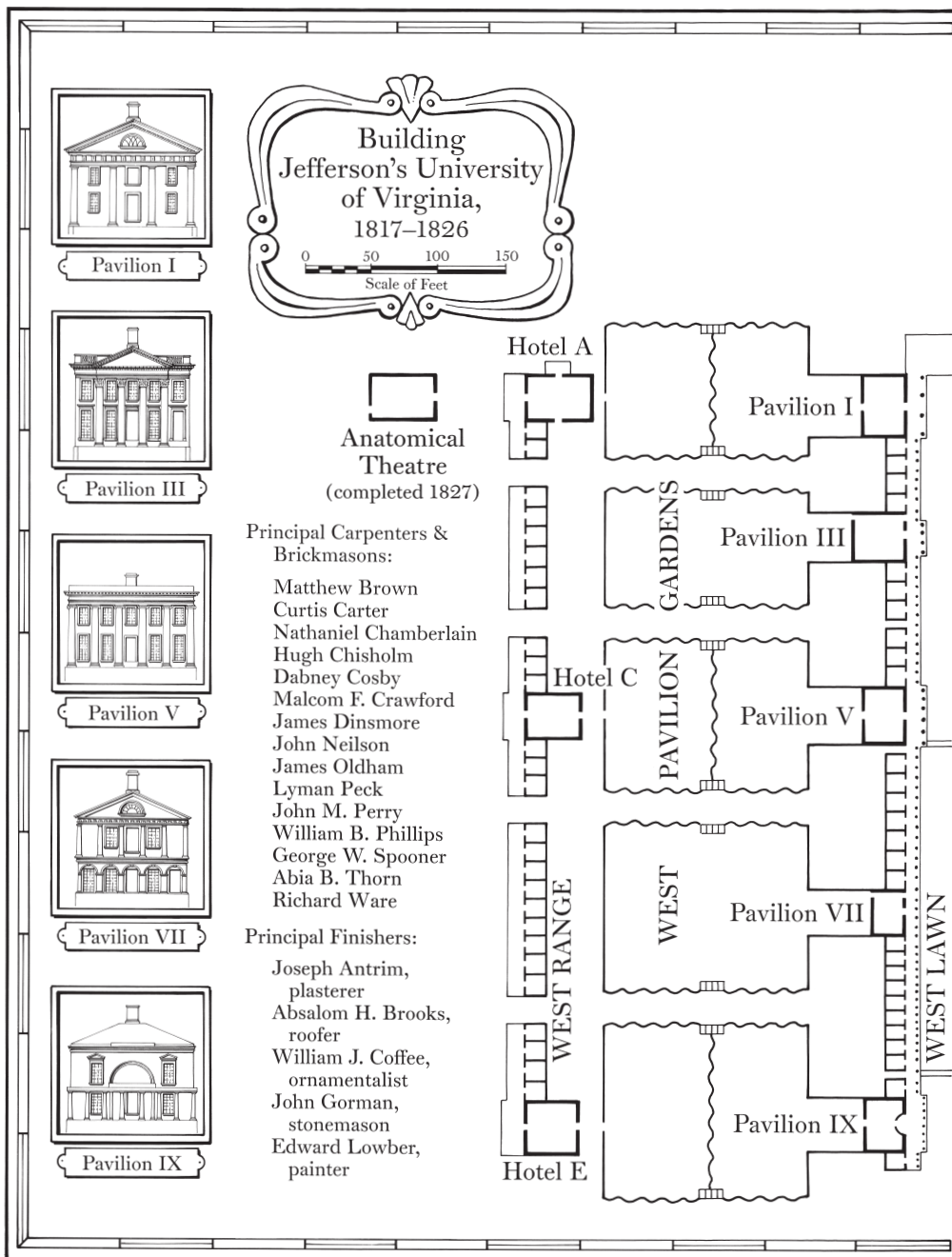
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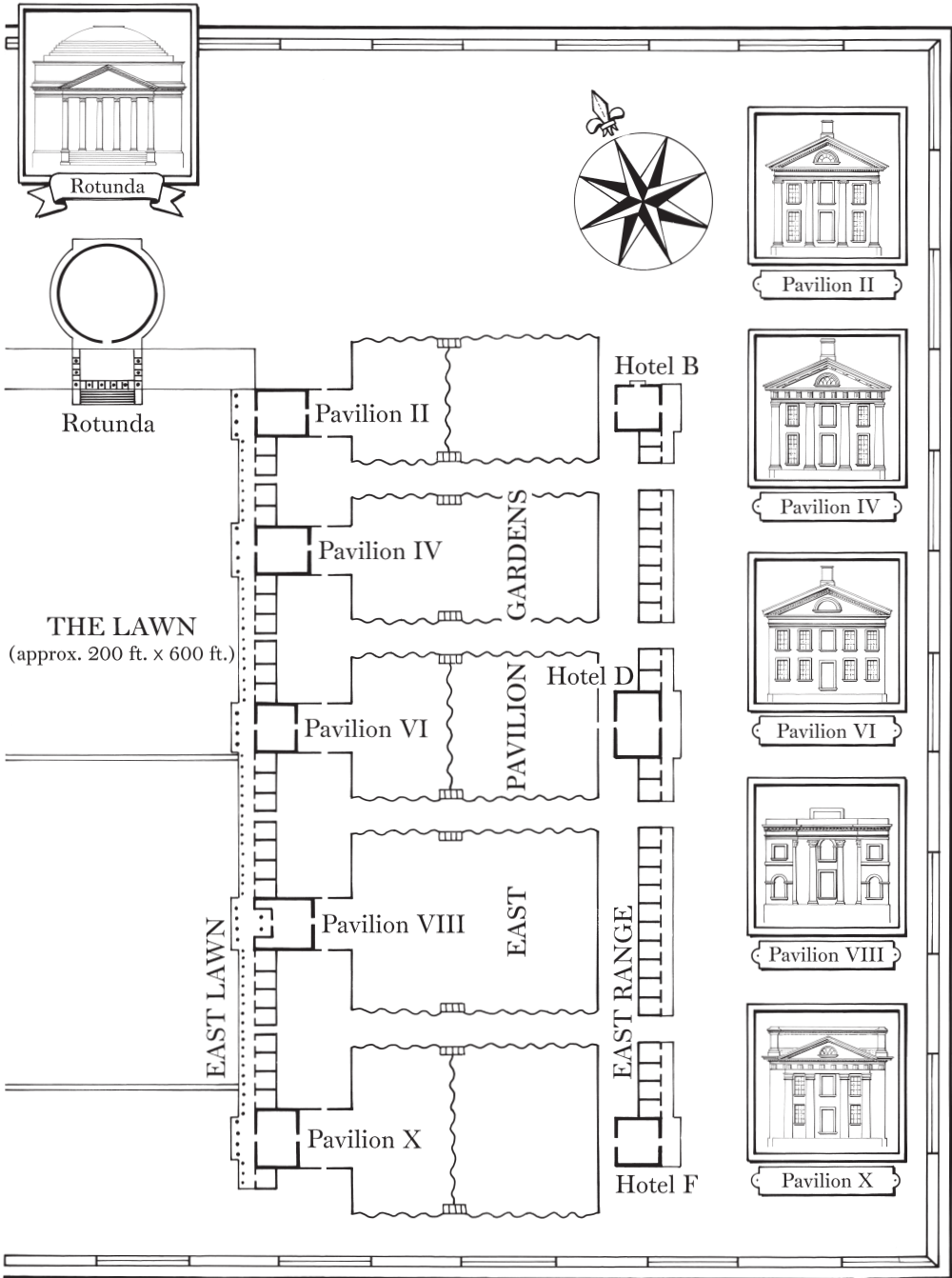
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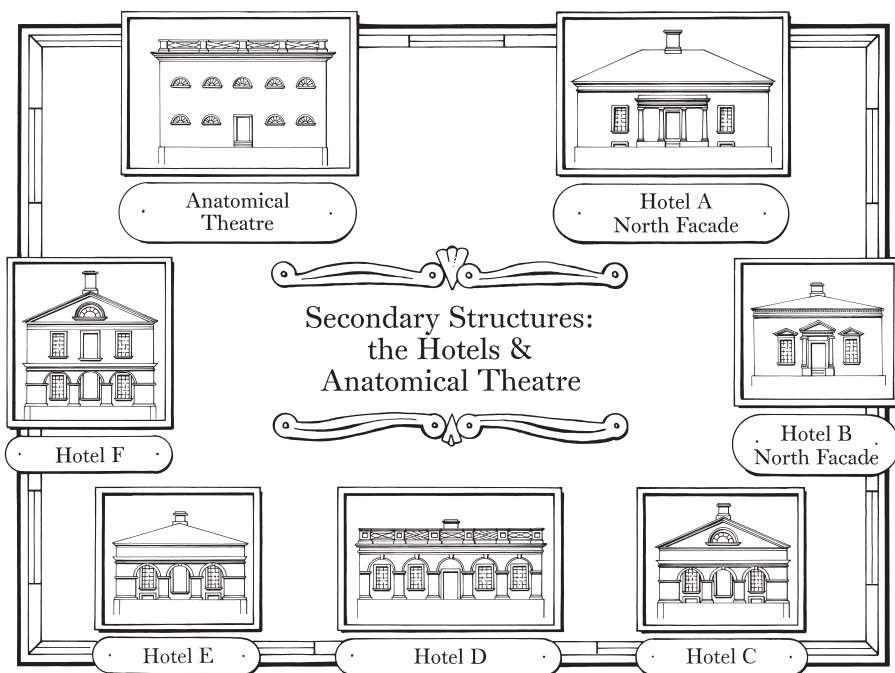
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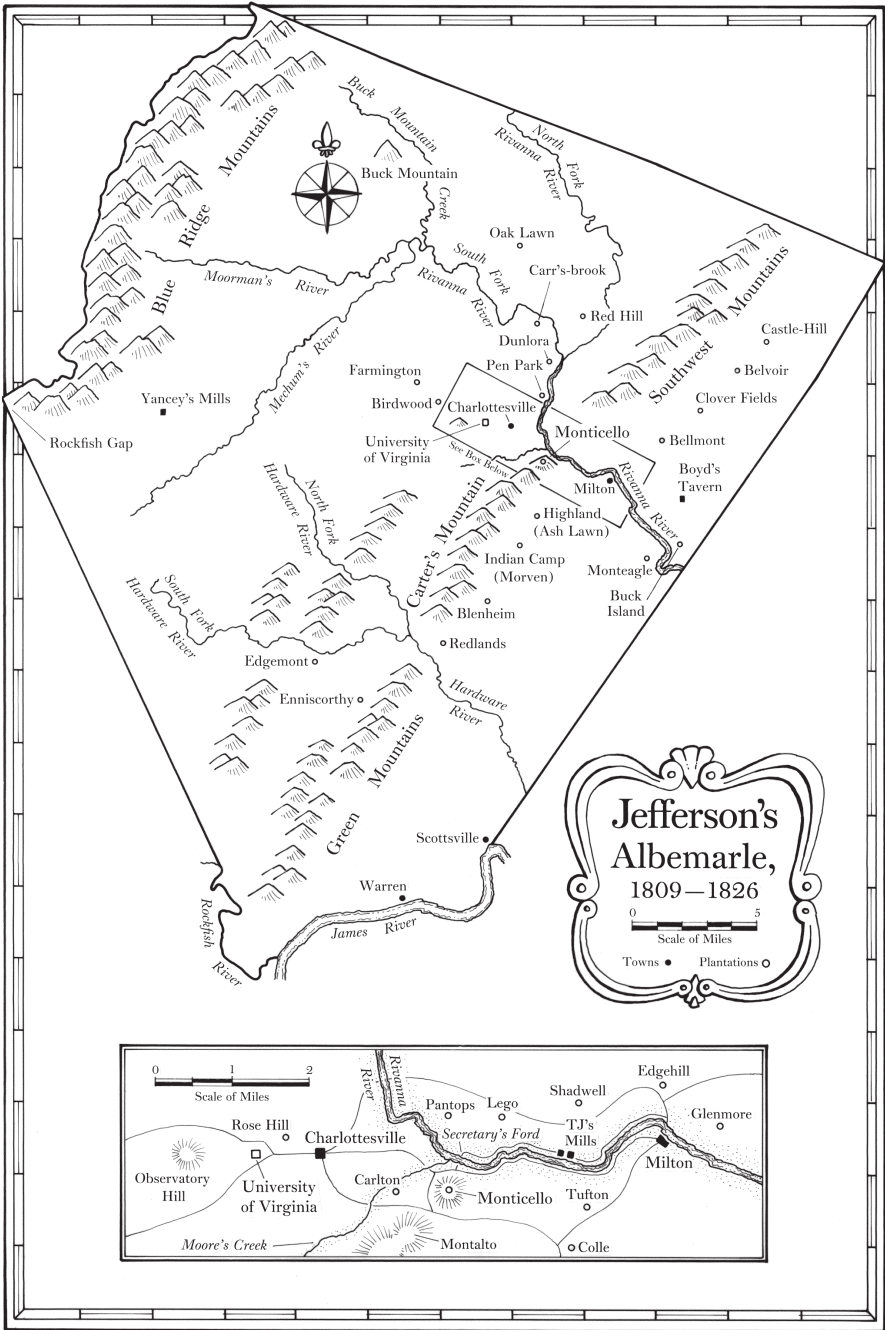
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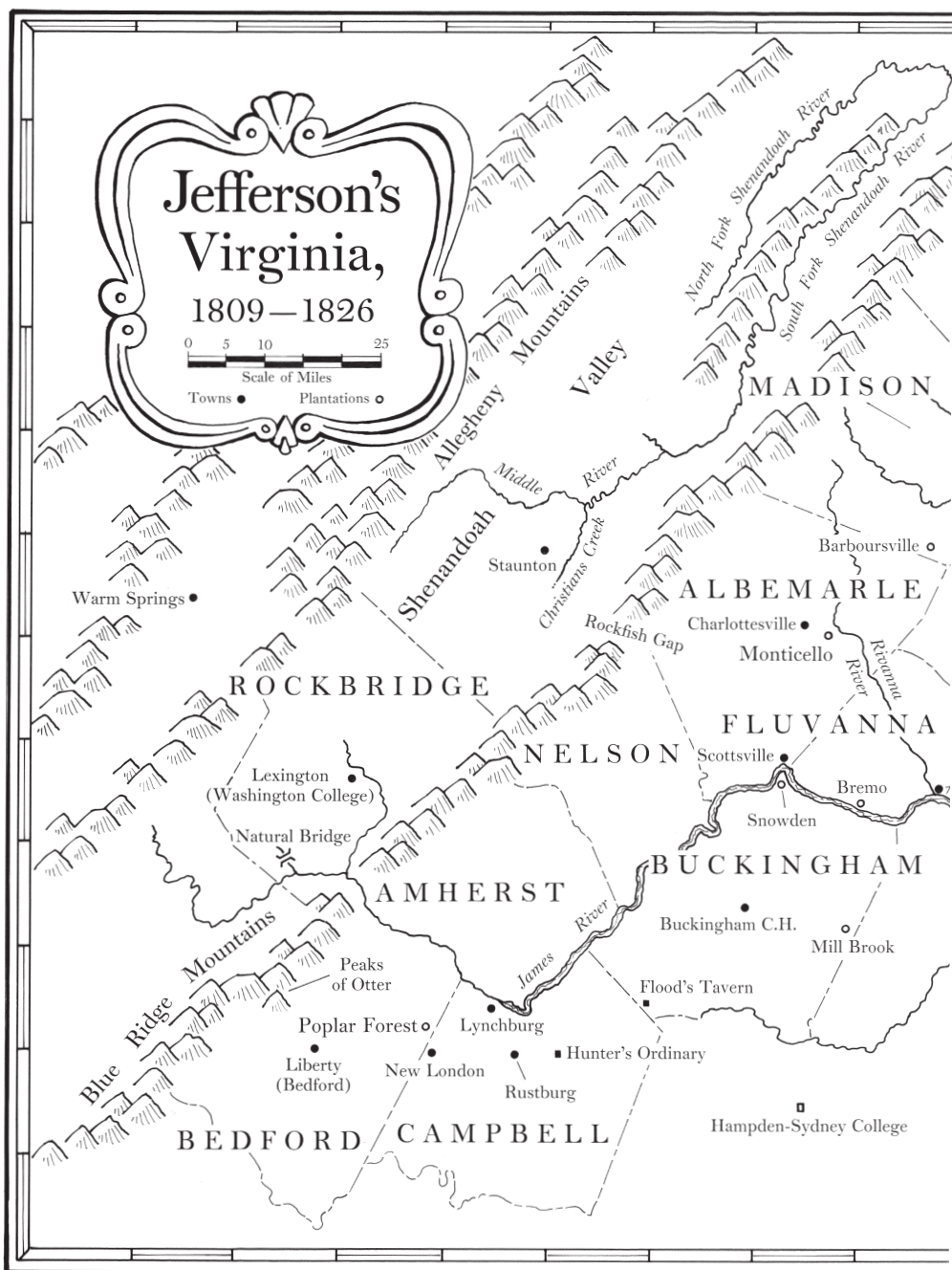


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FRANCIS W. GILMER

This 20½-by-15½-inch, oil-on-canvas portrait of the Virginia attorney and author Francis Walker Gilmer (1790–1826) was executed by an unknown artist, probably during the first half of the 1820s. After Joseph C. Cabell announced in October 1823 that he would be unable to travel to Europe to hire the University of Virginia's first faculty, Jefferson and James Madison convinced Gilmer to undertake the task. Early in April 1824 the University of Virginia Board of Visitors formally selected Gilmer as the institution's "Agent," authorizing him to sail to Europe immediately to secure "characters of the due degree of science, of talents for instruction, and of correct habits & morals," to serve as professors. At the same time the board appointed him as the university's first "professor of law, or of Moral philosophy," leaving the choice of subject to him. Gilmer traveled shortly thereafter to Great Britain, arriving early in June 1824, and by October he had succeeded in hiring most of the school's founding faculty. Fragile health, exacerbated by severe illness on his return voyage, prevented him from taking up his academic duties before his death on 25 Feb. 1826 (*ANB*; *Minutes of University of Virginia Board of Visitors*, 5–7 Apr. 1824; Gilmer to TJ, 1 Nov. 1814, 6 June, 12 Nov. 1824, 14 Jan. 1826; Gilmer to Dabney Carr, 14 Nov. 1824 [ViU: FWG]; *Richmond Enquirer*, 28 Feb. 1826).

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MARTHA JEFFERSON RANDOLPH BY JAMES WESTHALL FORD

At Monticello in the summer of 1823, James Westhall Ford (ca. 1806–68) painted two portraits of Martha Jefferson Randolph (1772–1836), Jefferson's "dear & beloved daughter" and "cherished companion." The first, undertaken at the request of Charles L. Bankhead, presumably acting on behalf of his wife, Randolph's daughter Ann C. Bankhead, was completed in June, while the second was commissioned by Jefferson himself in September. He commended the artist for "his good execution, and the reasonableness of his terms," paying him a total of \$50 for the Randolph painting and an unlocated depiction of James Monroe. Although another of Randolph's daughters, Virginia J. Randolph (Trist), greatly disliked both of Ford's portrayals of her mother, Jefferson "esteemed" the artworks and even judged that of Monroe as "among the best likenesses which has been taken of him." The portrait of Randolph shown here, one of the two executed by Ford, is 19-by-15¼-inches in size, done in oil on canvas (Stein, *Worlds*, 142; TJ to Ford, 1 Sept. [1823], and note; TJ's Letter of Recommendation for Ford, 30 Sept. 1823; *MB*, 2:1399; TJ to Thomas Jefferson Randolph, 8 Feb. 1826).

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ANN C. BANKHEAD BY JAMES WESTHALL FORD

Most likely around the same time that Ford painted Martha Jefferson Randolph, he also executed this portrait of her daughter Ann C. Bankhead (1791–1826), Jefferson’s eldest grandchild. The 27 $\frac{3}{4}$ -by-23-inch, oil-on-canvas image presents Bankhead at half-length. Although previously thought to have been painted at Monticello at Jefferson’s behest and paid for by him, no supporting evidence for this has been found. The portrait remained in the Bankhead family’s private collection until it was given to the Thomas Jefferson Foundation in 1996 (Stein, *Worlds*, 142; Shackelford, *Descendants*, 2:220–1, 231).

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MARTHA JEFFERSON RANDOLPH’S BEDROOM

Martha Jefferson Randolph’s bedroom at Monticello, known as the South Octagon Room, is located on the second floor next to the nursery and just above Jefferson’s library. In Randolph’s lifetime the room contained, among other objects, a stove; a high chest of drawers made of mahogany and pine, manufactured in Philadelphia in the 1750s, that Randolph obtained from the Trist family; a rectangular worktable of mahogany, pine, and tulip poplar constructed in the Monticello joinery; and a bedstead fitted with red toile de Jouy curtains. Given her father’s predilection for alcove beds, the location of Randolph’s bed in the room was a subject of some controversy. Early in 1822 she gleefully reported that she had “at last succeeded in having My alcove turned into a closet . . . I laid regular siege to Papa who bore it in dignified silence for some time, but I gave it to him for breakfast, dinner, and supper, and breakfast again till he gave up in despair at last.” The high chest and worktable descended in the Trist family until they were given to the Thomas Jefferson Foundation in 1926 and 1929, respectively (Stein, *Worlds*, 94, 256–7, 288–9; Diane Ehrenpreis, “Family Life at Monticello: The 2nd and 3rd Floors Revealed,” *Antiques & Fine Art Magazine* 14 [2015]: 148–9; note to TJ to Ellen W. Randolph [Coolidge], 16 Jan. 1822).

Courtesy of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, Inc.

ASHER B. DURAND’S 1823 ENGRAVING OF *THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE* BY JOHN TRUMBULL

Although Jefferson had subscribed for two engraved copies of John Trumbull’s painting of *The Declaration of Independence* in January 1818, he did not receive them at Monticello for nearly six years. In the opinion of the artist, however, they were well worth the wait. The engraver Trumbull selected, Asher Brown Durand (1796–1886), later a prominent painter in his own right, had first apprenticed to, and then was a partner of Peter Maverick, engraver of the ground plan of the University of Virginia. Durand was, according to Trumbull, “a young man . . . whose Success in this work demonstrates that Talent & Industry may carry whoever possesses them far towards the perfection of this Art.” Early in October 1823 Trumbull forwarded the 22-by-30 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, glazed-and-framed artworks to Jefferson, who paid him \$65.25 for them the following February. One engraving was soon placed on prominent display in Monticello’s Entrance Hall (ANB; Stein, *Worlds*,

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162–3; Maverick’s Engraving of the Ground Plan of the University of Virginia, [by 12 Nov. 1822], TJ to Trumbull, 8 Jan. 1818, 15 July 1823, 5 Feb. 1824; Trumbull to TJ, 28 June, 1 Oct. 1823).

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NELSON COUNTY JAIL

Late in June 1823 Joseph C. Cabell, Jefferson’s friend and fellow University of Virginia visitor, informed him that he and several other Nelson County residents had been tasked with procuring a plan for a new county jail in Lovingston. Although it was to be erected in “the plainest possible style” and at “the least practicable amount of expenditure,” the committee wished to “build substantially, durably, neatly, commodiously.” Having heard that Jefferson had recently designed a similar structure for Cumberland County, Cabell called on him for assistance. Jefferson responded by sending Cabell a copy of his Cumberland “plan of a jail,” complete with specifications for construction and estimates of the probable cost. A number of other proposals were put forward over the coming days, including one by Cabell himself, but all were ultimately set aside in favor of Jefferson’s design. On 29 July William B. Phillips and his associate Malcolm F. Crawford, both already engaged in the construction of the University of Virginia, contracted to build the new jail. Costs were to be limited to about \$3,000 and the structure was to be completed no later than 1 July 1824. The small, single-story, gable-roofed, brick jail only served its original purpose for a few years, however. Since 1838 it has been used for office space for the county clerk, the county agricultural agent, the sheriff, and the welfare department (Cabell to TJ, 24 June, 18 July, 6 Aug. 1823; TJ to Cabell, 4 July 1823; Contract of Nelson County Commissioners with Phillips for Jail, 29 July 1823, and Cabell to Arthur S. Brockenbrough, 7 Aug. 1823, both printed as enclosures to Cabell to TJ, 6 Aug. 1823).

Photograph courtesy of Susan Spengler.

THOMAS JEFFERSON’S SLIPPERS AND BANYAN

Jefferson may have worn these hand-knit white linen slippers or shoe liners during his presidency, but they more likely date from his retirement at Monticello. They would have been worn inside longer stockings to provide additional warmth and protection. Jefferson had much of his clothing marked with his initials in the same way that he distinguished his own books, using letters of the Latin alphabet, and thus substituting “I” for “J.” He also had them numbered. The Monticello household was large, and such markings presumably helped him monitor his clothing inventory and ensure that his personal items found their way back into his closet. The two pictured, both embroidered with red cotton thread, were part of a third and eleventh pair of slippers. Also shown here is Jefferson’s linen banyan, a loose-fitting robe with East Asian roots. The garment is about six feet long, with a shawl-type collar and wrap front that closes with a button on either side. At home Jefferson would have worn it over his other clothing instead of a more formal coat. His descendants owned the slippers and banyan until the Thomas Jefferson Foundation acquired them (Curatorial Object Catalog [ViCMRL];

ILLUSTRATIONS

Linda Baumgarten, *What Clothes Reveal: The Language of Clothing in Colonial and Federal America. The Colonial Williamsburg Collection* [2002], 110–2).
Courtesy of the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, Inc.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA GYMNASIA

Jefferson's design of the University of Virginia Rotunda included two terraces, each eighty feet long and thirty feet wide, connecting that structure to the pavilions and dormitories on either side of the Lawn. According to Martha Jefferson Randolph, the resulting open spaces, "arched on both sides" and situated underneath the wings, were to be used by the student body to "exercise in bad weather protected equally from the Sun & the rain," an improvement that, Randolph explained, had "occurred to My Father during a fever that confined him upon the sofa" in the summer of 1823. Jefferson immediately passed his ideas along to the school's proctor, Arthur S. Brockenbrough, and "gave him every direction as to the plan," although at the time he was "so weak that he could not set up to draw it him self." The areas set aside by Jefferson for recreation did not retain that purpose for long. By the middle of 1842 the need for additional classroom space led to their conversion into lecture rooms. Later the wings were transformed into a row of offices, with an all-weather passageway running from one side of the Lawn to the other. Although no contemporary picture of the gymnasias prior to these remodelings is known to survive, a digitally rendered image of the West Gymnasium based on Jefferson's early ideas is depicted here (TJ to William Johnson, 31 July 1823; Randolph to Nicholas P. Trist, [4 Apr. 1824] [NcU: NPT]; John G. Waite Associates, *The Rotunda, University of Virginia: Historic Structure Report* [2008], 37–8, 55–6).

Courtesy of Lauren Massari, lead modeler, Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities, University of Virginia.

JEFFERSON'S AMANUENSES: THOMAS JEFFERSON TO SAMUEL H. SMITH, 2 AUGUST 1823

During the last years of his retirement, Jefferson suffered from stiffening wrists, the debility associated with old age, and repeated illnesses. To assist with his ever voluminous correspondence, he relied upon members of his family to perform secretarial duties for him from time to time, including copying out full letters. Early in August 1823, for example, he called on his granddaughter Ellen W. Randolph (Coolidge) for assistance in writing a letter to Samuel H. Smith. In such instances Jefferson first composed a draft in his own hand, then passed it on to be copied out clean and added his signature once it was finished. In the case of the letter shown here, Randolph (Coolidge) took the opportunity to subjoin her own note to Smith. Occasionally Jefferson needed multiple copies of the same document, as with his 9 Apr. 1824 circular to four members of the University of Virginia Board of Visitors. For this task he obtained the assistance not only of Randolph (Coolidge) but also of her sisters Virginia J. Randolph (Trist) and Mary J. Randolph.

Courtesy of the Library of Congress.

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JEFFERSON CHRONOLOGY

1743 • 1826

- 1743 Born at Shadwell, 13 April (New Style).
1760–1762 Studies at the College of William and Mary.
1762–1767 Self-education and preparation for law.
1769–1774 Albemarle delegate to House of Burgesses.
1772 Marries Martha Wayles Skelton, 1 January.
1775–1776 In Continental Congress.
1776 Drafts Declaration of Independence.
1776–1779 In Virginia House of Delegates.
1779 Submits Bill for Establishing Religious Freedom.
1779–1781 Governor of Virginia.
1782 Martha Wayles Skelton Jefferson dies, 6 September.
1783–1784 In Continental Congress.
1784–1789 In France on commission to negotiate commercial treaties and then as minister plenipotentiary at Versailles.
1790–1793 Secretary of State of the United States.
1797–1801 Vice President of the United States.
1801–1809 President of the United States.

RETIREMENT

- 1809 Attends James Madison's inauguration, 4 March.
Arrives at Monticello, 15 March.
1810 Completes legal brief on New Orleans batture case, 31 July.
1811 Batture case dismissed, 5 December.
1812 Correspondence with John Adams resumed, 1 January.
Batture pamphlet preface completed, 25 February; printed by 21 March.
1814 Named a trustee of Albemarle Academy, 25 March.
Resigns presidency of American Philosophical Society, 23 November.
1815 Sells personal library to Congress.
1816 Writes introduction and revises translation of Destutt de Tracy, *A Treatise on Political Economy* [1818].
Named a visitor of Central College, 18 October.
1817 Cornerstone laid for first structure at Central College (later Pavilion VII, University of Virginia), 6 October.
1818 Attends Rockfish Gap conference to choose location of proposed University of Virginia, 1–4 August.
Visits Warm Springs, 7–27 August.
1819 University of Virginia chartered, 25 January; named to Board of Visitors, 13 February; elected rector, 29 March.
Debts greatly increased by bankruptcy of Wilson Cary Nicholas.
1820 Likens debate over slavery and Missouri statehood to "a fire bell in the night," 22 April.
1821 Writes memoirs, 6 January–29 July.
1823 Visits Poplar Forest for last time, 16–25 May.
1824 Lafayette visits Monticello, 4–15 November.
1825 University of Virginia opens, 7 March.
1826 Writes will, 16–17 March.
Last recorded letter, 25 June.
Dies at Monticello, 4 July.

THE PAPERS OF THOMAS JEFFERSON



Explanations of the Ground Plan of the University of Virginia

[by 1 July 1823]

EXPLANATIONS, *OF THE GROUND PLAN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.*



Nos. I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, are PAVILIONS, of two stories each, for the residence of the Professors separately, with each a lecturing room, and generally four rooms of accommodation for the family—a back yard and garden. The offices are below.

The small apartments numbered 1, to 55, filling the intervals between the Pavilions, are DORMITORIES of a single story, for two students each; all opening into a colonnade, along the whole range of 600 feet in length. These Dormitories have a flat roof, in the level of the upper floor of the Pavilions, which, through the Porticos, gives a private walk and communication to the families inhabiting the Pavilions.

A, B, C, D, E, F, are HOTELS, to be let to housekeepers for dieting the students. The small intervening apartments, numbered 1 to 56, are DORMITORIES, as those of the two middle rows, all opening into arcades, continued along the whole range, 600 feet in length each.¹ These Hotels have their offices below, with each a back-yard and garden, separated by cross-streets of communication with the Pavilions.

The ground between the two middle rows, in front and back of the ROTUNDA, is an open lawn looking S. S. E. 200 feet wide, and at present 900 feet in length, left open at one end for a continuation of the buildings indefinitely.

The ROTUNDA, filling up the Northernmost end of the ground is 77 feet in diameter, and in height, crowned by a Dome of 120 deg. of the sphere. The lower floor has large rooms for religious worship, for public examinations, and other associated purposes. The upper

floor is a single room for a Library, canopied by the Dome and it's sky-light.

The Rotunda is connected with the two rows of Pavilions by a TERRAS on each side of the height of its Basement, and breadth of the flank of it's Portico; below the Terras is a space for gymnastick exercises, and a covered way uniting those of the two colonnades, and affording a sheltered passage round three sides of the lawn, 1400 feet in extent.

Within the back-yards are cisterns of fountain water, brought in pipes from a neighbouring mountain.

☞ *Plans of the University of Virginia, can be had by applying to the Proctor, at 50 cents each, and the Report of the Commissioners at 12 1-2 cents.*

Broadside (ViU); undated.

University of Virginia Commissioners, 1-4 Aug. 1818.

THE GROUND PLAN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA was depicted in Peter Maverick's Engraving, printed above at 12 Nov. 1822. A hypothetical reconstruction of the SPACE FOR GYMNASTICK EXERCISES is reproduced elsewhere in this volume. REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS: Rockfish Gap Report of the University of Virginia Commissioners, 4 Aug. 1818, document 5 in a group of documents on The Founding of the University of Virginia: Rockfish Gap Meeting of the

On 1 July 1823 the Charlottesville printer Clement P. McKennie drew up and signed a receipt for payment by Arthur S. Brockenbrough, the University of Virginia proctor, of \$6.44 for "printing Explanations to the Ground plan of the University, 184 Copies @ \$3½. per 100" (MS in ViU: PP; in McKennie's hand; endorsed by Brockenbrough: "McKennie July 1 '23—\$6.44"; with related calculations by Brockenbrough).

¹Comma editorially altered to period.

From Frederick W. Hatch

DEAR SIR

Charlottes^c July 1st 1823—

By a letter which I have just receiv'd from one of the Trustees of our Theological School I am inform'd that a proposition has been made by a part of the Ep. Clergy of Maryland, to unite their influence & funds with ours of Virginia with a view to extending the influence & encreasing the means of the establishment. This subject is to be had under consideration as also the location of the School, this week at George Town.—Alexandria has been nam'd as a suitable place. My correspondent however gives the preference to our University, & proposes to me the following questions an answer to which I am anxious to give by return of Mail in the hope that my letter may arrive in time. Will you be so good as to give me your advice & inform me if you have any objection to my using the sanction of your name in this in-

teresting matter. The Rev Mr M^cGuire of Fredericks^s proposes to me these questions—“What is the prospect of the Universitys going into operation—what privileges would now be granted, & what in future might be expected?—Could a suitable place for the erection of a House be obtain’d, either by grant of the University, or from some neighboring landholder?”¹— As to the land, my own opinion is, that a sufficient lot would be given.—With your permission I will inclose your letter to Mr M^cG—I was well convinc’d² at the last Convention that a very favorable disposition towards this place existed in the minds of the Clergy generally & the Trustees—I heard indeed but one objection to locating here, & that was the uncertainty which seem’d to hang over our prospect (the University)³ of going into operation. I feel pretty confident that very little is wanting to cause the scale to preponderate in our favor, & I flatter myself that the Church &⁴ University will derive mutually essential benefits from this location.—It is not conveniently in my power, or I would do myself the pleasure to ride to Monticelli, to confer with you personally on this subject—

With sincere regards & the best wishes

I remain Dear Sir yours truly

F W HATCH.—

RC (MHi); with three question marks added by TJ in left margin adjacent to the queries posed him; addressed: “Thomas Jefferson Esqr—Monticelli”; endorsed by TJ as received the day it was written and so recorded in SJL.

The Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary in Virginia (OUR THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL) opened its doors on 15 Oct. 1823 in ALEXANDRIA (*Semi-Centennial Celebration of the Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia* [1873], 53–4). The LAST

CONVENTION of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Virginia had met in Leesburg the preceding May ([Francis Lister Hawks], *A Narrative of Events connected with the Rise and Progress of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Virginia* [1836], 158–68).

¹Superfluous closing quotation mark preceding question mark editorially omitted.

²Manuscript: “convinc’d.”

³Parenthetical phrase interlined.

⁴Hatch here canceled “Sch.”

Account with Joel Yancey

Yancey Joel

1816. Dec. 31.	1 st note	550	
	off 1 st instalm ^t Univ ^y	<u>50</u>	500
1818. May 1.	2 ^d Note	400	
	off 2 ^d instalm ^t	<u>50</u>	350
1819. Apr. 27.	3 ^d note	400	
	off 3 ^d instalm ^t	<u>50</u>	350
1820. Apr. 30.	4 th Note	400.	

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	off. 4 th instalmt	<u>50</u>	350
1821. Apr. 30.	5 th Note		400
1822. Apr. 30.	6 th note	400	
	off. value of Lucy	<u>400</u>	
			<u>1950</u>

1823. July 1.	D		y m D
Int. on 1 st note	500. from 1816. Dec. 31.	6-6	195.
2 ^d d ^o	350. from 1818. May 1.	5-2	108.50
3 ^d d ^o	350. from 1819. Apr. 27.	4-2-3	87.73
4 th d ^o	350. from 1820. Apr. 30	3-2	66.50
5 th d ^o	400. from 1821. Apr. 30.	2-2	<u>52.</u>
			<u>509.73</u>

Int. on 1950 D from 1823. July 1. (@ 117 D) till p^d

MS (MHi); written in TJ's hand on recto of a reused half sheet, with first section undated and second fully dated; endorsed by TJ: "Yancey Joel. state of debt to 1823. July 1."

Yancey had negotiated the purchase of TJ's Poplar Forest slave LUCY (b. ca. 1800) during the winter of 1821-22 (see Yancey to TJ, 22 Dec. 1821, and TJ to Yancey, 2 Jan. 1822).

From James Cutbush

D^R SIR.

West Point July 3^d 1823

You will receive by this days mail a copy of my lectures. I intend if I receive¹ encouragement, to publish a complete class book on the applications of Chemistry. There are some errata in the work owing to the printer living some 8 or 10 miles from us, and all my communications with him were in writing; I have made the corrections, however, with a pencil. As to the book itself, it contains more facts on particular subjects than any other I am acquainted, and a great deal of my own research and observation.

However, as to the merit of the work, and its usefulness, you will be better competent to judge.

Prof. Crozet succeeded in his application: I believe he may be indebted to you for his success. You will find him useful in Your state.

With high respect and consideration, I am very respectfully, Your devoted friend.

JA^S CUTBUSH.

RC (CSmH: JF); endorsed by TJ as received 10 July 1823 and so recorded in SJL. RC (DLC); address cover only; with PoC of TJ to John Laval, 4 Oct. 1823, on verso; addressed: "Thomas Jef-

erson. Monticello. Virginia"; franked; postmarked West Point, 3 July.

Ward M. Gazlay was the PRINTER of Cutbush's *Lectures on the adulteration of*

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food and culinary poisons, the detection of Poisons in General, and of adulterations in sundry chemical preparations, &c. used in medicine and the arts, with the means of discovering them: and rules for determining the Purity of Substances. Delivered in the United States Military Academy (New-

burgh, N.Y., 1823; Poor, *Jefferson's Library*, 6 [no. 222]).

In 1823 Claudius CROZET left the United States Military Academy to become the principal engineer at the Virginia Board of Public Works.

¹Manuscript: "rereceive."

From Samuel Garland

SIR

Lynchburg July 3rd 1823

I have withdrawn your bond to the late firm of A Robertson & C^o from M^r Barret of Richmond, M^r Miller, for whose benefit it is, has become so very impatient and importunate on the subject of his collections that I must insist on your paying the balance of the bond during the current year, I beg to hear from you upon this subject.

Yo. obt. St.

S: GARLAND

RC (DLC); endorsed by TJ as received 7 July 1823, but recorded in SJL as received a day earlier. RC (MHi); address cover only; with FC of TJ to Bernard

Peyton, 6 May 1824, on verso; addressed: "M^r Th. Jefferson Montecello Charlottesville"; franked; stamped "PAID"; postmarked Lynchburg, 5 July.

To James Rawlings

Monticello July 3. 23

Th: Jefferson thanks mr Rawlins for the form of the Notice which he has been so kind as to send him, and now returns it duly executed, and salutes him with esteem and respect.

RC (CSmH: RAB); dateline at foot of text; addressed: "M^r James Rawlings Richmond"; franked; postmarked. Recorded in SJL with additional bracketed notation: "with Notice."

E N C L O S U R E

Request to Mutual Assurance Society to Withdraw Insurance on Milton Property

To the Principal Agent of the Mutual Assurance Society against Fire on
Buildings of the State of Virginia.

SIR,

TAKE NOTICE, that by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Mutual Assurance Society aforesaid I do hereby withdraw the Insurance on all the buildings situated at Milton in the County of Albemarle and Insured

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by Declaration numbered 337. in the name of Bennet Hendersons Heirs and which are distinguished in the said Declaration by the letters A B. C. D & E and I having agreeable to the said Constitution paid all claims of the Society aforesaid for the Insurance thereof I do hereby require you to issue a discharge to me as to the said Insurance; such as by the Rules and Regulations of the said Society I am entitled to receive.

In testimony that this is my act and deed I hereunto subscribe my name and affix my seal this 26th day of June 1823.¹ TH: JEFFERSON

Albemarle County TO WIT:

The above named Thomas Jefferson this day personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid, and acknowledged the foregoing notice to be his own act and deed.

Given under my hand this 2nd day of July 1823.² TH: J. RANDOLPH

[To be executed and returned to the Office of the Society in Richmond, and accompanied by payment of all dues, or evidence of such payment.]

MS (Goodspeed's Book Shop, Boston, 1965); printed form, with blanks filled in by James Rawlings as principal agent of the Mutual Assurance Society underscored above; signed by TJ and Thomas Jefferson Randolph, with dates filled in by them as indicated below; sealed; brackets in original; at head of text in Rawlings's hand: "337." Partially completed form enclosed in Rawlings to TJ, 19 June 1823.

For the DECLARATION NUMBERED 337, see Mutual Assurance Society Account for Insuring Milton Warehouses, [ca. 1 Sept. 1811], and note.

¹Day, month, and final two digits of year filled in by TJ.

²Day, month, and final two digits of year filled in by Randolph.

From John Brannan

SIR

Washington July 4. 1823

I send you herewith, a copy of my late publication, entitled, "Official Letters of the Military and Naval Officers of the United States during the war with Great Britain in the years 1812. 13. 14. & 15. &c." which I beg you will do me the honor to accept..—

The object of the compilation, you will perceive by the preface is, to hand down to posterity, the names and deeds of our gallant fellow citizens who so nobly sustained what is called our second war for independence. It has cost me great labor and expence, as the whole was copied over & printed from manuscript. I had several more documents prepared, but the Book swelled to a size beyond my expectations, and I was compelled to omit them as of minor importance, as regarded the main object of the work, though valuable as documentary history. The work embodies a fund of important information, which, I presume, future historians and patriots will highly appreciate—and forms an authentic documentary record of events, which, by the rising gen-

eration, and by ages yet unborn, must be contemplated with interest and veneration; and which are unattainable from any other source.— In this city—at West Point, and some few more places my subscription was very respectable, but it has not been sufficient to defray the expences of publication. Many gentlemen declined subscribing, supposing it would be a mere catch penny work, but all my subscribers who have received their copies, appear to be highly pleased with it.—

After you have made a cursory examination of the volume (of which the table of contents gives a pretty good idea) you would do me a great favor by giving me your opinion of the work; and informing me whether or not you think its national character & merits are such, as to be worthy of a place in the libraries of our contemporaries and their posterity.

Wishing you many years of health and happiness, enjoying the love and gratitude of your admiring countrymen, the sweet solace of the venerable patriot, is the sincere wish of

Your Obedient Humble Servant

JOHN BRANNAN

P.S. I am the son of a soldier of the Revolution, (toward the close of which I was born) my father is a yeoman of Pennsylvania (now 83. years old, in good health) & was an officer in the militia of that state—a lieutenant at its commencement and a colonel at its close; was at the battles of Brandywine Germantown, Monmouth &c. and his children have imbibed those principles of liberty and independence which their sire, and the heroes and sages of those days so nobly contended with success.—

RC (DLC); addressed: “Thomas Jefferson Late President of the United States Virginia”; endorsed by TJ as a letter from “<Branham> Branan John” received 8 July 1823 and so recorded in SJJ. Enclosure: Brannan, ed., *Official Letters of the Military and Naval Officers of the United States, during the War with Great Britain in the years 1812, 13, 14, & 15. with some additional letters and documents elucidating the history of that period* (Washington, 1823; Poor, *Jefferson’s Library*, 5 [no. 143]).

John Brannan (ca. 1779–1829), merchant, apparently lived in Philadelphia before moving to New York City, where he was a partner in two bookselling firms in succession between 1805 and 1809. He returned to Philadelphia in 1810 and joined a similar partnership, but was bank-

rupt in 1812. By 1815 Brannan had relocated permanently to Washington, D.C. He was secretary to the Board of Commissioners for Rebuilding the Public Buildings there and subsequently partnered in a paper and stationery store, worked as a clerk in the office of the *Washington National Intelligencer*, and in 1823 published his *Official Letters of the Military and Naval Officers*. In 1825 Brannan was part of a firm selling books and paper as well as shaving equipment. This partnership dissolved in 1828. Brannan and Uriah Brown proposed publishing an *American Journal of Improvements in the Useful Arts, and Mirror of the Patent Office in the United States*, but only a single issue appeared early in 1828 (*Philadelphia United States Gazette*, 20 May 1807; *New York Republican Watch-Tower*, 6 Jan. 1806; *New-York Evening Post*, 25 Sept. 1807,

13 Feb. 1809, 6 Sept. 1815; Philadelphia *Aurora for the Country*, 4/6 Aug. 1810; Philadelphia *Democratic Press*, 3 Dec. 1812; Washington *National Intelligencer*, 24 May 1817; *City of Washington Gazette*, 5 Aug. 1820; Washington *Daily National Journal*, 2, 30 Nov. 1825; Washington *United States' Telegraph*, 25 Nov. 1827, 29 Apr. 1828, 10 Feb. 1829).

Brannan's FATHER was Benjamin Brannan (ca. 1739–1825) (Washington *Daily National Intelligencer*, 13 Apr. 1825; gravestone inscription in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Philadelphia).

On this date Brannan sent the enclosure and similar letters to John Adams and James Madison (MHi: Adams Papers; Madison, *Papers, Retirement Ser.*, 3:91–3).

To Joseph C. Cabell

DEAR SIR

Monticello July 4. 23.

About a month before the receipt of your favor of June 24. I had been requested to draw the plan of a jail for the county of Cumberland adapted to the requisitions of the late law. I send you a copy of it, with estimates of the cost. some articles of it are left blank, because I had no ready¹ means of coming at their value; but this may be as well² obtained with you as here. there is only one article of the estimate which may not be exact, to wit, the laying down the sheet iron floor. we had no experience of the expence of rivets, of which each floor will require 8. or 900, at 2.I. apart. as iron is rolled into sheets of various lengths, you should get them of 7.f as these will work up without waste and with fewest rivets.³

The Literary board agreed to hold back 20.M.D. till X^{mas}. the Rotunda is rising nobly. the marble capitels for the Pavilions are now on their passage from New York to Richmond. they cost at the quarry 100 D. round. the expences by the time they get here will be 50. p. c. on that. the duty was 315.60 D⁴ ever & affect^{ly} yours

TH: JEFFERSON

RC (ViU: TJP); addressed: "Joseph C. Cabell esq. Edgewood near Warminster"; franked; postmarked; endorsed by Cabell. Dft (DLC); on verso of reused address cover to TJ; endorsed by TJ.

²Word interlined in Dft in place of "readily."

³Sentence interlined in Dft.

⁴Text from "they cost" to this point added in Dft at foot of text and keyed here with a caret.

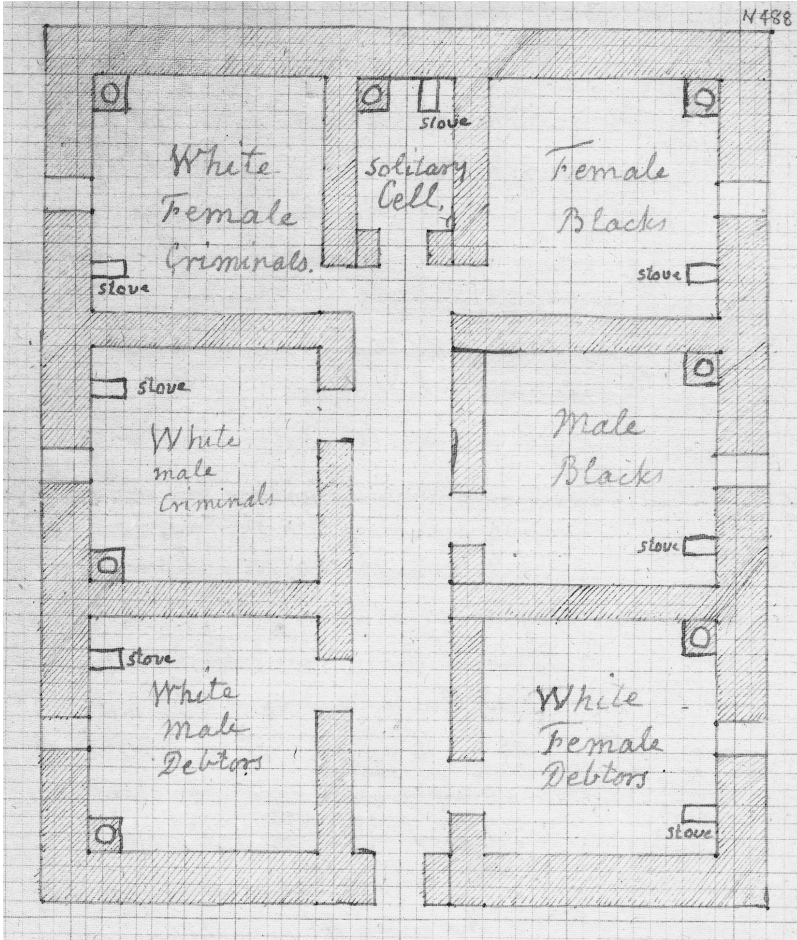
¹Word interlined in Dft.

ENCLOSURES

I

Drawing and Specifications for a Jail

[before 4 July 1823]



The necessary in each room should be a box with a hole in the top, and covered more over by a tight lid.¹ behind it in the external wall should be an arch high & wide enough to draw out the ordure occasionally, which arch should be secured² by a grated iron door. lime should almost daily be thrown into the feces to neutralise them.³

a solitary cell is proposed to put ill behaved prisoners into occasionally, as a punishment.

The best way of securing the floors of the Criminal apartments is with blocks of rough⁴ stone 2. or 3. feet long, set up an end, in as even,⁵ close & solid order as possible, the interstices then filled with grout and gravel, and the top made smooth with mortar & gravel for the floor, and, for further security as well as cleanliness lay the floor⁶ over with sheet iron, it's edges lapped on one another and well⁷ riveted together.

A covering of tin costs 10.D. a square and will last for centuries. the cover of this building would be of 25. squares if of pediment pitch, to wit 10.f suppose the foundation of the walls 3 f. the walls 9 f high.

let the outer walls be, their foundation $3\frac{1}{2}$ bricks thick
 their upper walls⁸ 3 br. thick

the partition walls their foundation $2\frac{1}{2}$ bricks thick
 their upper walls 2 br. thick

the outer walls 180 f. running measure
 inner d^o 154 f.

they will take 137,844 bricks.

the floors of the 4. criminal rooms at 2 f depth take 45. perch stone
 and 584. sq. f. of sheet iron @ 18.D. p^r sq. the iron. 105.D.

putt^g on @ 4.D $\frac{23.36^9}{128.36}$

6. stoves open @ 15.D.

MS (MHi); in TJ's hand, with drawing on recto and specifications on verso.

⁴Word interlined.

⁵Word interlined.

⁶Reworked from "or for further security the floor may be laid."

⁷Preceding five words interlined in place of "and."

⁸TJ here canceled "9 f pitch."

⁹Line interlined, as well as rule and total below.

A NECESSARY is a privy, and AN END means "in an upright position" (*OED*).

¹TJ here canceled "opposite."

²Word interlined in place of "closed."

³Reworked from "thrown in at the box hole within to neutralize the feces."

II

Estimate by Arthur S. Brockenbrough and Thomas Jefferson of Jail Costs

[ca. 4 July 1823]

Estimate of the cost of the raising floor and roofing of a prison¹ 40. by 50. feet

	D
2500 f. joists 6. by 8. oak ² @ 40.D. p ^r M	100.
1500.f. rafters of pine, ³ collar beams, & ashler studding. @ 30.D.	45.
2800.f sheeting plank 15.D. p ^r M	42.
52. squares of framing & raising floor & roof. ⁴ joists to be 6.I. apart, rafters 2.f. from center to center. @ 1. D 50 C p ^r square, ⁵ rough framing.	78.
2250. feet tongued & grooved sheeting plank, to be well seasoned for a tin roof. $22\frac{1}{2}$ squares @ ⁶ 1. D 50 C	33.75

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200. lb nails @ 9 ^d	18.
	316.75 ⁷

the above estimate is by A. S. Brockenbrough at University prices.

25. squares of covering of tin @ 8 ³ / ₈ D.	216.67
it may be done by any work man @ 1.25 D, but the work man here ask 1 ¹ / ₂ to 2.	50.
	266.67
	583.42 ⁸

		D	
137,864. bricks @ 10. D		1378.	
45. perch of stone flooring.	2.50	112.50	
	cents		
584. sq. f. sheet iron @ 18	105		
putting on @ 4. cents	23.36	128.36	
6. open stoves @ 15.D.		90.	
		1708.86	

add iron doors & windows
all other iron works, & locks E^c.
also plastering, digging foundation

MS (MHi); written in TJ's hand on both sides of a narrow sheet; undated. MS (CSmH: JF); in Brockenbrough's hand on a half sheet; consisting of first section only; undated; endorsed by TJ: "Brockenbrough A. S. estimate of roof of prison. July. 1823."

COLLAR BEAMS are "used to join together roof-rafters above the base of the roof, acting either as a tie or a strut" (*OED*).

¹CSmH MS: "House."

²In CSmH MS Brockenbrough here canceled "6 inches apart."

³Preceding two words interlined in CSmH MS.

⁴Preceding two words interlined in CSmH MS.

⁵CSmH MS here adds "presuming it to be."

⁶Preceding three words not in CSmH MS.

⁷CSmH MS ends here.

⁸Recto of MHi MS ends here.

Notes on Cost of Capitals for University of Virginia

[by 4 July 1823]

M^r Appleton's statement of acc^t for Capitels for the University

		D
To 18. Corinthian and Ionic Capitels		1850.
To cases for the same		50
To Custom house duties, expences on shipping & postage of letters		13
		1913

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Balance due & held to your order	<u>189.75.</u>
	2102.75
By cash recieved	2102.75
Jonathan Thompson esq. Collector of N. York. his account.	
To duty paid on Marble Capitels, invoice amount	1913
10. p. cent addition	<u>191</u>
	2104
on 2104.D. 15. p. cent ad valorem	315.60
disc ^t for cash paid @ 4. p. cent per annum	<u>9.92</u>
	305.68
	Permit .20
Freight from Leghorn @ 10.D. p ^r ton on 31 $\frac{1}{5}$ tons	312.
primage 10. p. c ^t	<u>31.20</u>
	649.08
Cap ^t Thomas Bell's acc ^t for freight from N. York to Richmond	D 140. ¹

MS (ViU: TJP); in TJ's hand, except where noted below; undated; docketed by Arthur S. Brockenbrough: "Marble Capitels to Peyton 789⁰⁸ July 4 .23."

¹At foot of column Brockenbrough drew a rule and then wrote "\$789.08" beneath it.

To Jonathan Thompson

SIR

Mont^o July 4.

I rec^d yesterday your favor of June 27. and am very thankful to you for having been so kind as to make the necessary advances for expediting our capitels. I have this day desired the Proctor of the University to instruct, by tomorrow's mail, his correspond^{tl} in Richm^d, Col^o Peyton to remit to you immediately the sum of 649.08 D; which will certainly be done with no other delay than may be necessary to procure a bill. with my thanks be pleased to accept the assurance of my great esteem & respect

TH:J.

FC (MHi); on verso of reused address cover to TJ; in TJ's hand; partially dated; at foot of text: "M^r Jonathan Thompson"; endorsed by TJ as a letter of 4 July 1823 and so recorded in SJL.

Bernard PEYTON informed University of Virginia proctor Arthur S. Brockenbrough from Richmond on 7 July 1823

that he had that day remitted a draft for \$649.08 to Thompson, "agreeable to your request," and also paid \$140 for the freight of the marble from New York. "Several of these capitels," he explained, however, "are so enormously heavy that I scarcely know what to do with them, they are too heavy to be transported by Drays, from Rocketts to the Basin, & the Locks are

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not in order to admit the passage of Boats from the Basin to Tide water, & again, I fear they are too heavy for Boats, particularly those of the North River, & when the water is low—I will endeavour tomorrow, to get them up to the Basin, & will em-

brace the first opportunity, by Boats, of forwarding them, if I can meet with any willing to take them, there are none here just now from Milton” (RC in ViU: PP).

¹Word interlined in place of “agent.”

To Samuel J. Harrison

DEAR¹ SIR

Monticello July 5. 23.

It is with real pleasure that I communicate to you the extract of a letter I have recently recieved from mr Ticknor of Harvard University. Accept my congratulations on the possession of a son of so much promise to himself; his friends and country, and the assurance of my esteem and respect.

TH: JEFFERSON

RC (ViU: TJP); with enclosure sub-joined; addressed: “M^r Samuel J. Harrison Lynchburg”; franked; postmarked Charlottesville, 10 July. FC (MHI); on verso of reused address cover of Robert

Walsh to TJ, 10 Dec. 1822; in TJ’s hand; endorsed by TJ. Enclosure: extract from George Ticknor to TJ, 16 June 1823.

¹Word not in FC.

From Thomas Lehrs

DEAR SIR

Charleston S^o C^a July 5. 1823—

Permit me as one of your old friends to send you the enclosed paper, by which you will see that your Political friends here, on the return of every 4th of July, cannot in gratitude, forget the Services you rendered them & our blessed Country, by your Labours, particularly in drafting the Declaration of our Independence, which they are determined, to hand down, Annually to Posterity through the medium of the public prints.—

It affords me great pleasure to inform you, that many of your most bitter political opponents in this State, have become sensible of the impropriety of their former opposition to you, & now unite with the Republicans of the old School, to sing your praises, & thank you, as every true friend to America ought to do, for the Talents, virtue, integrity, & firmness you displayed at the commencement & during the whole of our Revolution, by which means we are at present enabled to enjoy every blessing & happiness under the best form & System of Government on Earth.

From the various public situations, which my fellow Citizens have from time to time, & at present honored me with, I am enabled daily

to meet many of your old Friends, who never fail to enquire of me after your health & happiness—their enquiries are made with the most sincere affection & gratitude, to you as their Political Leader & parent, whose labours have been the means to secure them all the blessings they now enjoy as a Free people.

Whenever you can find time to write, I shall be glad to hear from you respecting your health, & any other subject you may think proper to write to me on, as it will enable me to gratify the numerous enquiries of your friends here, who as well as myself,¹ feel a great Interest on the occasion.

Yesterday I attended at St Philips Church, where² I heard the Declaration of Independence³ read, after which M^r Hugh Legare, a member of the 76 Association, delivered an oration on the occasion it was much admired. The orator was justly severe upon the members of “the Holy Alliance,” for the [baseness] of their Conduct, in confederating⁴ against the Liberties of mankind. Should the oration be printed, I will send you a copy of it.

That you may enjoy a long life, & every blessing this life affords, is the constant & sincere wish of—

Dear Sir, Your obed^t Servant

THO: LEHRÉ

RC (DLC); one word illegible; at foot of text: “Thomas Jefferson Esq^r former President of the United States”; endorsed by TJ as received 17 July 1823 and so recorded in SJL.

The ENCLOSED PAPER was likely the 4 July 1823 issue of the *Charleston City Gazette and Commercial Daily Advertiser*, which prefaced a full printing of the Declaration of Independence with an essay praising TJ as its author and remarking that “His venerable form, which time still spares; his exalted mind, erect and stored with costly lore; his clear spirit piercing

like sun-beams through the clouds of calumny which his pure Republicanism has raised from the bosom of baseness and of envy, all form a spectacle which man and Heaven must contemplate with pleasure.”

Hugh S. Legaré’s speech was eventually PRINTED as *An Oration, delivered on the Fourth of July, 1823; before the ’76 Association* (Charleston, 1823).

¹Preceding four words interlined.

²Manuscript: “whe.”

³Manuscript: “Independene.”

⁴Manuscript: “confedating.”

From Joshua Dodge

ESTEEMED SIR—

Boston 7 July 1823—

I take the liberty of informing you of my arrival in this City a few days since, highly gratified with my Journey to the southward & particularly with the truly hospitable state of Virginia which in fact is the land of hospitality. I no longer wonder at the attachment every one who has visited that State expresses towards it, for it is impossi-

ble for a Stranger to visit it without feeling proud & gratified at the attentions he has received—The free manner in which every Virginian converses, expressing openly & candidly whatever his Sentiments may be, whether on the subject of Politics or Religion, gave me the highest opinion of the manner in which your young men are brought up—It gives me pleasure to say that the Unitarian Religion in the New England States has been the means of breaking the Strong grasp of Superstition which formerly disgraced this part of the Union & I have observed with sincere pleasure that the Eastern Young Men now begin to think for themselves on that subject as well as on Politics & the important change lately effected in the politics of this State has been chiefly owing to the exertions of its young Citizens, they have deserved well of their Country for they have restored their Native State to its rank in the Union—Federalism has received its death blow & Republicanism is now triumphant throughout our Common Country, the Essex Junto has been driven from its strong hold & now lies growling in the dust, where possibly it may bark a little, but as the old proverb Says “barking dogs seldom bite”—Respecting Spain their appears but one sentiment, which is, destruction to the French invading Army & success to the Constitutional Spaniards—The Spaniards have done well in suffering the French to advance, by that means weakening the Duke d’Angoulême who is obliged to leave sufficient troops behind him to keep up the communication with France & consequently the farther d’Angoulême advances the more sure prey he becomes to the Spaniards—I enclose you a piece wrote by a friend of mine on this Subject which was shown to me before printing & met my approbation—Be pleased to present my most respectful Compliments to M^r & M^{rs} Randolph & to your grand Children, I shall never forget the happy happy days I passed at Monticello—

A general war will soon take place in Europe, the People are determined to be free, the North of Italy, France, the Low Countries & part of Germany must & will have free & written Constitutions, England will be obliged to place herself at the head of these constitutional Governments in order to protect herself as well as them against the destructive grasp of Russia; Under the present despotic Governments in Europe the people care little whether they are governed by Alexander or by any other despot, (no consequence what his name may be) if they are not benefitted themselves by the Change & as Europe is now governed they will not defend the Country of their Tyrants, & at any moment Europe may become the prey of Alexander, England must then pay for all her Sins against the rights of Man, this she Knows, & in her own defence (not that she wishes to give Liberty

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to Europe) she must come forward & place herself at the head of the Constitutional movements in Europe, for it is only under the banners of Liberty that the people will join heart & hand in defending what will then become their Country—I took tea last evening with the Venerable M^r Adams & presented him your Compliments, he was very happy to hear from you—Still more So in seeing a person who had had the pleasure of passing some days in your hospitable Mansion.

I should consider it a high honour to receive a letter from you, but I hardly dare ask that favour, knowing the immense number of more valuable Correspondents that you have & which occupies the greatest part of your time, but should you honour me with an answer I shall esteem it as a particular favour—My address is care of P. P. F. Degrand, Boston—I shall embark in October next for Marseilles & until then I calculate to pass my time in this part of my Country—I remain My Dear Sir—

Yours most Sincerely—

JOSH^A DODGE

RC (MHi); at foot of text: “To Thomas Jefferson Esq Monticello Virginia”; endorsed by TJ as received 17 July 1823 and so recorded in SJL. Enclosure not found.

From William Wisner

RESPECTED SIR

Ithaca July 7th 1823

I have Just read in one of the new-York papers the copy of a letter purporting to have been written to Hon. John Adams, by yourself bearing date June 1st 1822.

Now sir you will pardon me when I tell you that the publication of your correspondence with Mr. Adams is the cause of my troubling you with this letter.

I cannot but respect the man who has for a long period presided over the councils of the nation which gave me birth, and when I learn that this man, who has shared so largely in the confidence of my country, has already numbered more than fourscore years, my respect kindles into a kind of filial regard. This regard causes me earnestly to desire that the man who has lived so long in the affections of his fellow citizens should be happy in his death as he has been honourable in his life, and enjoy beyond the grave that substantial felicity which his experience has taught him is not to be obtained in this world.

Now sir when I hear you in the letter above alluded to profess a contempt for life, and a desire to die without the most distant allusion to the Hope of Israel, I am led to fear that you are about to venture down into the “dark valley of the shadow of death” without an inter-

est in him who is "The resurrection and the life."—Am I right? or are my fears groundless?—

Are you about to pass into the chambers of the dead without a Saviour? If So be entreated, (by one who has no motive but the most sincere regard for your happiness,) to pause, and once more before you leave us consider whether all is safe. Does it accord with your accustomed prudence in other matters, for you to reject the testimony of the prophets and the apostles, and rest your eternal all upon the loose and baseless speculations of infidelity?

It must I think be plain to a man of your understanding that human reason unassisted by a revelation from God can tell us nothing certain about futurity. Infidels may speculate on the subject, but as the field of their speculations lies beyond the reach of their senses, and they have no testimony on which they are willing to rely, they can come at no certain, and it appears to me, no very satisfactory conclusion. Now if it be once admitted that infidelity cannot tell certainly what evil will take place beyond the grave, then it will I think follow that she cannot know certainly but that all who do not "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ," and put their trust in him, will be eternally miserable, as the bible declares shall be the case.

Now since a Newton and a Lock and others of like minds have believed that there was evidence enough of the divine authority of the scriptur[es,] let me beg you, as you are fond of reading, to examine the bible once more and look into the evidence of its divinity.

I have the honour Dr. Sir to be Your Sincere though unknown
Friend,

W^M WISNER

RC (DLC); edge trimmed; adjacent to closing: "Hon. Thomas Jefferson former Pres' U.S.A."; endorsed by TJ as received 3 Aug. 1823 and so recorded in SJL.

William Wisner (1782–1871), clergyman, was born in Warwick, New York. Although trained as a lawyer and admitted to the New York bar in 1805, he soon left the legal profession for the ministry. Wisner joined the Presbyterian Church in 1806, was licenced to preach five years later, and ordained in 1812. He served as a pastor in Athens, Pennsylvania, 1811–16, Ithaca, New York, 1816–31 and 1839–49, and Rochester, New York, 1831–35. Wisner also helped found and was a longtime trustee of New York's Auburn Theological Seminary, 1820–34 and 1846–63, and he was president of the board of trust-

ees of the Ithaca Academy during the 1820s. The author of several works, including *Elements of Civil Liberty, or, the Way to Maintain Free Institutions* (1853), he owned real estate worth \$4,000 in 1850 and combined real estate and personal property valued at a total of \$2,200 a decade later. Wisner died at his son's home in Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Wisner, *Incidents in the Life of a Pastor* [1852]; John Frederick Fitschen, ed., *History of the First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, New York* [1904], 12, 26, 37–8; John Quincy Adams, *A History of Auburn Theological Seminary, 1818–1918* [1918], 65–6, 189; Gerald B. F. Hallock and Maude Motley, *A Living Church: The First Hundred Years of the Brick Church in Rochester* [1925], 66, 68–9; DNA: RG 29, CS, N.Y., Tompkins Co., Hector, 1820, Ithaca, 1830–60;

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Ithaca Journal, 26 Nov. 1823, 30 Mar. 1825, 17 Jan. 1871; gravestone inscription in Ithaca City Cemetery).

The HOPE OF ISRAEL was God. The image of the DARK VALLEY OF THE

SHADOW OF DEATH appears in the Bible, Psalms 23.4. Jesus calls himself THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE in John 11.25. BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST is from Acts 16.31.

To LeRoy, Bayard & Company

MESS^{RS} LEROY AND BAYARD

Monticello July 8. 23.

You have reason to believe I am unmindful that I ought ere this to have remitted you the amount of my last bond. but it is duly in mind¹ altho' delayed. my resources for payment as stated to you on former occasions,² are the produce of my farms.³ they have usually got to Richmond⁴ in June; but are tardier this year than ever. calculating the passage of my tobacco⁵ down the river and time for inspection and sale, I shall be able to remit you one half the amount by the end of this month, and the other half soon after. I have thought it a duty to remove suspense on the subject.⁶ always acknoleging the kindness of your indulgence I salute you ever⁷ with friendship and respect.

TH: JEFFERSON

RC (NN: Thomas Jefferson Papers); endorsed by a representative of LeRoy, Bayard & Company. Dft (MoSHi: TJC-BC); on verso of a reused address cover from Arthur S. Brockenbrough to TJ; endorsed by TJ.

¹Reworked in Dft from "but I keep it in mind."

²Preceding eight words interlined in Dft in place of "doing this."

³Dft here adds "which are very distant from market."

⁴Word interlined in place of "market."

⁵Reworked in Dft from "calculating their passage."

⁶Sentence interlined in Dft.

⁷Word added in margin of RC and Dft.

To Robert Patterson

DEAR SIR

Monticello July 8. 23.

There is a periodical work published at Paris, entitled la Revue encyclopedique, of which M. Jullien, a person of distinguished science is the Redacteur, and several gentlemen of high¹ literary grade² are Collaborateurs. it's object is, by correspondents established in every part of the world,³ to collect, as to a single⁴ focus, the discoveries, inventions, and advances of science generally in every country, and to present in a single mass⁵ those deemed worthy of being known. M. Jullien has done me the honor of proposing to⁶ me to become a correspondent. but I am too old, and too much retired for the duties of a Centinel of the science of our country, and, from the crippled

state of both my hands,⁷ writing is become too difficult and slow for me to undertake any correspondence. I have thought therefore that I could not render to this undertaking a better service, than by transferring the proposition to you, on the possibility that some younger member of our society, better situated for obtaining the information asked, might be disposed to accept M. Jullien's correspondence, and to exchange with him our contributions for those of the rest of the world. I inclose you therefore the papers of explanation, in the hope you will find some one who will render⁸ this service to ourselves, as well as to the lovers of science in other parts of the world. and I avail myself with pleasure of this occasion of renewing to the Philosophical Society the homage of my respect, and to yourself the assurance of my great esteem and consideration

TH: JEFFERSON

RC (ViU: TJP); at foot of text: "Doctor Robert Patterson"; accompanied by note in Patterson's hand, dated "Philosophical Society," 18 July 1823, reading (one word editorially corrected from "respecting") "Referred to our Corresponding Sec^r M^r Walsh—to communicate to M. Jullien, from time to time, such information respecting 'the science of our country' as he may think proper." Dft (DLC); on verso of reused address cover of Bernard Peyton to TJ, 12 Dec. 1822; lacking dateline; at foot of text: "Doct^r Robert Patterson Pr. A. P. Soc. [i.e., President of the American Philosophical Society]"; endorsed by TJ. Enclosures: enclosures to Marc Antoine Jullien to TJ, 12 May 1823.

A REDACTEUR is an "editor," and COLLABORATEURS are "contributors."

¹ Reworked in Dft from "and many gentlemen of the first."

² Dft here adds "in France."

³ Preceding nine words interlined in Dft.

⁴ Word interlined in Dft.

⁵ Word interlined in Dft in place of "body."

⁶ Preceding seven words interlined in Dft in place of "for some time solicited."

⁷ Preceding six words interlined in Dft in place of "dislocn of both wrists and consequent inflexibility of the fingers."

⁸ Word added in margin of Dft in place of "volunteer in."

To Thomas Appleton

DEAR SIR

M^o July 9. 23.

I write by this day's mail to my Correspdt at Richm^d Col^o B. Peyton to procure a bill of exchange on London which shall nett there clear of exchange¹ 444.D. payable on your acc^t² to mr Sam^l Williams your correspondent there, and to be paid over by you to M. & M^{de} Pini. I am later in this duty this year than usual: this depends³ the earlier or later date by which the produce of the preceding⁴ year can be prepared &⁵ got down the river to Richm^d my farms being 130. miles up the river, which sometimes slackens⁶ by drought. with these casual variations of a month or two in time these remittances may be counted on with the utmost⁷ certainty by M. & M^{de} Pini, to whom I

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repeat my respects with assurances to yourself of my constant frdshp
and respect. TH:J.

Dft (DLC); on verso of a sheet, the recto of which consists of reused cover in Dewitt Clinton's hand reading "With Govr Clinton's respects" and Dft of TJ to Appleton, 10 July 1823; at foot of text: "Tho^s Appleton esq." Enclosed in TJ to Samuel Williams, 9 July 1823.

²Preceding three words interlined.
³Preceding two words interlined in place of "proceeds from."
⁴Word interlined.
⁵Preceding two words interlined.
⁶Word interlined in place of "suffers."
⁷Preceding four words interlined in place of "in entire."

¹Preceding three words interlined.

To Bernard Peyton

DEAR SIR

M^o July 8. [9] 23.

I must ask the favor of you to procure for me a safe bill of excha. on London to nett there, clear of excha. 444.D. payable to mr Sam^l Williams N^o 13. Finsbury square London, forwarding with it the inclosed letter which advises him of it's purpose.¹ send me if you please² the triplicate

I must request you also to send me by the 1st³ waggon 8. boxes of tin, and by the boats 6. barrels of herrings and 1. of shad. from some gentleman of Boston in Richmond I used to get Cod's tongues & sounds. if now to be had I should be glad of a keg.

ever & affect^{ly} yours

TH:J.

P.S. I must beg leave to refresh your memory by a reference to my letter of May 10. on the subject of nailrod which may come by boat⁴ with the fish.

Dft (MHi); on verso of reused address cover of Peter Maverick to TJ, 7 Dec. 1822; misdated; at foot of text: "Col^o B. Peyton"; endorsed by TJ as a letter of 9 July 1823 and so recorded in SJL. Enclosure: TJ to Samuel Williams, 9 July 1823.

THE GENTLEMAN OF BOSTON IN RICHMOND was probably James Baker.

¹Word interlined in place of "application."

²Preceding three words interlined.

³Preceding two words interlined.

⁴Manuscript: "boad."

To Samuel Williams

SIR

Mont^o July 9. 23.

I this day write to my correspdt in Richm^d Col^o B. Peyton to procure and remit to you a bill which shall nett 444.D. in London.¹ of this I pray you to remit the proceeds on my acc^t² to mr Thomas Ap-

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pleton at Leghorn who has authorised me to give you this trouble. the inclosed letter advises³ him of the remittance and of it's purposes.⁴ Accept the assurance of my esteem & respect.

TH: JEFFERSON

Dft (DLC); on verso of a reused address cover from George F. Hopkins to TJ; at foot of text: "M^r Sam^l Williams N^o 13. Finsbury square. London"; mistakenly endorsed by TJ as a letter of 13 July 1823, but correctly recorded in SJL. Enclosure: TJ to Thomas Appleton, 9 July 1823. Enclosed in TJ to Bernard Peyton, [9] July 1823.

¹Omitted period at right margin editorially supplied.

²Preceding five words interlined.

³Reworked from "I this day now advise," with the "I" mistakenly left uncanceled.

⁴Preceding two words interlined in place of "the applicn."

To Thomas Appleton

DEAR SIR

M^o July 10. 23.

The Draco arrived at N.Y about the 10th of June & by her came your two favors of Apr. 2. and the Capitels of our columns. these last are now on their passage to Richm^d. there has been some dissatisfn at the delay of the capitels which were expected to have been here a 12 month sooner. the¹ buildings for which they were destined have been that long finished, and their columns gaping for² these capitels. we should have called 4. or 5 months ago for those for our Rotunda, described³ in mine of Apr. 16. 21. for which we shall be ready in 3. months from this time, but the visitors thought it their duty to see and approve of the 1st commission before they authorised the 2^d as public trusts make caution incumbent,⁴ while in private transactions we are free to act on confidence. as soon as the capitels are recieved here and opened, I shall be authorised to write to you for those stated in my lre of Apr. 16⁵ 21. as to be wanting for the Rotunda with a part only of the mezzo-Capitels;⁶ and at the same time I shall remit you thro' your London Correspdt mr Sam^l Williams one half the cost, the other half to be pd on their being finished and shipped.

I note what you say as to your superintendence of the statue for N.C. you have not been well used. I will make it my own affair to write immediately to Gov^r Gabriel Holmes, and I have no doubt they will properly correct what has been deficient in their attentions to your services.

On observing the coincidence of our birth days I congratulate you on your attainment of your 3. score years⁷ on the same day which filled up my 4 score, when however the psalmist tells us that 'their strength are but labour and sorrow.' yet my health is so sound that I

count on seeing the completion of my university when I shall be ready to 'go hence & be no more seen' singing with old Simeon 'nunc demittas Domine.' accept my salutns of constant frdshp & respect.

TH:J.

Dft (DLC); on verso of Dft of TJ to Appleton, 9 July 1823; at foot of text: "Thomas Appleton."

Concerning those reaching the age of "fourscore years," the biblical PSALMIST writes "yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away" (Psalms 90.10). GO HENCE & BE NO MORE SEEN comes from Psalms 39.13, which omits the last word.

¹TJ here canceled "houses."

²Preceding five words interlined in place of "except as to."

³Word interlined in place of "stated."

⁴Reworked from "trusts require caution."

⁵Month and day interlined.

⁶Reworked from "pilaster-Capitels."

⁷Preceding four words reworked from "the 3. score years of the psalmist."

From Adamantios Coray

MONSIEUR,

Paris, 10, Juillet, 1823.

Vous vous rappelez peut-être un Grec qui vous fut présenté il y a quelques années par feu M^r Paradise,¹ et qui eut même le plaisir de dîner chez vous, à Challiot. C'est ce Grec même, déjà fort avancé en âge, au moment où sa patrie va renaître, qui prend la liberté de vous écrire cette lettre.

Il n'a pas été au pouvoir de nos tyrans d'empêcher cette renaissance; mais c'est précisément² parceque notre liberté n'est encore qu'un enfant que son éducation exige bien des soins et des secours pour qu'elle ne périsse dans son berceau. On ne peut espérer ces secours que des hommes véritablement libres.

C'est un malheur pour nous que de nous insurger dans un moment où notre instruction publique ne faisait que commencer. Nous sortons d'une très-mauvaise école, d'une école turque, c'est tout dire; Il est vrai que la Grèce moderne a produit inopinément des Léonidas et des Miltiades; mais sortie d'une longue oppression, elle ne pouvait produire tout-à-coup des législateurs tels que parurent chez ses anciens habitans, tels qu'on a vus de nos jours chez vous.

C'est encore un malheur pour nous, que d'être voisins des nations Européennes soi-disantes éclairées dans le moment où elles se trouvent dans une crise; quand même cette crise finirait par le triomphe du peu de liberté dont elles jouissent, il est à craindre qu'elles n'en laisseront à là Grèce, qu'autant qu'il convient à leurs intérêts. Les Anglais viennent d'embrasser notre cause, et commencent à nous donner des secours; mais vous savez de quelle nature sont les embrassemens de vos chers pères, qui ne ressemblent pas du tout à leurs en-