

Dear Sir

Wm Pitt Rivers

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The letter from the Gov<sup>r</sup> to the Delegation rec<sup>d</sup> yesterday along with yours of the 20<sup>th</sup> inst: expresses ~~some~~ <sup>some</sup> agitation at the substance of the letter to him from Gen<sup>l</sup> Carlton. Whatever necessity might be excited by the circumstances attending those letters, or whatever suspicions ~~might arise~~ <sup>might arise</sup> relative to the views of Carlton, they were ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> as I know, with the slightest imputation on his patriotism.

{The remittance to Col. Bland is a source of hope to his brethren. I am almost ashamed to rectify my wants to my friend by you; but they ~~are~~ begin to be so urgent that it is impossible to suppress them. The friendship of our little friend in French Street near the Coffee House is a friend which will procure me from cabalists, but I will resort to it without great mortification, as he consistently rejects all recompense. The price of money is so uncertain that he thinks it ought to be extorted from none but those <sup>who</sup> aim at profitable speculations. In a ~~very~~ <sup>very</sup> ~~short~~ <sup>short</sup> time the Delegate he gratuitously opens a supply out of his private stocks.}

I conceive very readily the affliction & anguish which our friend at Monticello must experience at his insupportable loss. But his philosophical temper under the circulating rumor which you mention altogether incredible. Perhaps this domestic catastrophe may ~~be~~ prove in its operation beneficial to his country by weaning him from those attachments which depend it of his services. The vacancy occasioned by his refusal of a particular service ~~you~~ need not be supplied, still perhaps. As soon as his sensibility will bear a subject of such a nature will you undertake to obtain his sentiments thereupon and let me know whether or not his aversion is still insuperable? Before he be enlisted on ~~that~~