Bal° January the 25 - 1797 —

John Nicholson Esquire

Sir

With all consideration and Respect, I address you, Soliciting your Notice and Assistance to undo from the following Statement —

Allow me to observe that I am and have been in the Employ, since May - 1794, of Mess^rs Morris Nicholson and Swanwick: Those Gentlemen commit, for many successive months, to me very important trusts and extensive Operations; which induced me to rest myself in their concern & my department —

In July 1795 Those Gentlemen sent me a written order to deliver to a certain W^m Lowrey all the property I held & their or their was in my possession

This order I compliedd with as soon as possible that the property could be appraised by 5 professional Builders — whose written award I hold & the same, which declares or certifies the property delivered to the said Lowrey to be worth $ 59.420 - 76 exclusive of my private account — which amounts to several thousand dollars —

Since August 1795 I have made dereally, and by friends depicted Applications to those Gentlemen for Monies — but have been uniformly treated with silent contempt

At this Moment, and I have long been, with a Wife and a family of nine in extreme distress — I therefore hope you will be moved, either in your private or partnership Capacity, to extend to me some pecuniary Assistance

I am Sir Your Ob^d Servant

Joseph Clark

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