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superintendance of it through all its Stages as it is made just by Grosvenor Square where he lives not unlike a Gentleman — Chase & Old Mr Rutledge will do nothing — probably they are both to blame — I am sorry for it but I am sure the latter has been — for the former without any authority that I know of or for Reason and justice proposed that the M.R. should retain his own valuation of property Confiscated & transfer the remainder to which in my Opinion he ought in point of public policy to have Acceded — Though Chase had no power to make the offer I am free to own I recommended the measure — Is it impossible but that I may have the pleasure of seeing Mrs Lee yourself in London our Country must have a Minister and however the Eyes of People at home may be turned here they are on you, for your Administration is spoken of in high terms and in France it is admired — you know me too well to suppose I can flatter those I Love and therefore will know that what I say is true Present me with the respectful attachment to Mr Lee and the little people Mrs Carter is Cordially & faithfully. A Donell

My dear Sir, London 11. May 1784

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I had two days ago a letter from my little friend at Liege it is dated 28th April and coming by a private hand was a fortnight on its passage He was perfectly well I find that Mr Howard has lately died after a long illness I have written to Mr Mattingly to know if his Successor or other Papers is in the possession of the little Nancy brought for him. I have given Nancy a little scold for not writing to her friends particularly her Mamma and have mentioned ~~to~~ ~~[illegible]~~ Mr Mattingly the anxiety of her friends frequently to hear from him.

I cannot express to you my gratitude for the first Instance you have given me of your regard to my prosperity every Action of mine shall prove how sensibly I feel your Friendship. I have gone but by the direction of Modder) too largely into the shipping Goods to the Rivers I have shipped almost none to Baltimore altho I have had Orders to an incredible amount I have shipped none without his Orders but a small Cargo to Messrs Hendricks in Alexandria and a few Hundred Pounds to Messrs Somervilles on Patuxent and I have Captain from Lisbon large from there were two Houses who knew of the new policy of communicating with him I knew them did not choose to let them pass me. I have had nothing from your friend (H. Brooke) when he comes he shall be well served

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