London 12th August 1784

Dear Sir

I had the pleasure of writing to you several times since my arrival, I have now the pleasure to inform you of my having become a Partner in the house of de Drusina & Ridder, as you will see by the annexed Letter. —

I am sorry to acquaint you with my bad success with respect to the Mares you desired me to procure for you — they are so very much above your limit (or rather the price you expected them to be procured at) that I dare not think of purchasing any till I hear further from you. —

I have ordered your Coach — plain, but very neat and genteel — and I flatter myself that you wile be pleased with it. —

Tobacco in Europe is much lower in price (without it is some very fine) than it appears to be in Maryland & Virginia from the quotations I have seen — I hope you have not ventured upon the purchase of any — the prices here are from 2 3/4 @ 4 & 5d — My kindest respects to Mr. Lee and your family I am Dear Sir

Yours most sincerely
James Clerk

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