London Nov. 12. 1786.

Your very friendly Letter of 14 June did not appear until the other day we have yet the one you promised by the same conveyance. I feel sensibly the force of your friendship & your wishing an uninterrupted continuance of the connection between Stoddart & me I never had an Idea for a moment of its discontinuing there is not in the world a Man I wish to stand by him I know that he is not only necessary for me but what is of more consequence I know that he has Integrity & Industry & more prudence than any other that could & would conduct such a business but above all my real & affectionate friendship cannot but make it pleasing to have his Interest united with my own it is pleasure to toil for those we Love. But holy misunderstanding should take place on a proposed connection with Mr Peale I am at a loss to discover: I did propose it because I found myself unequal to the whole business & because all circumstances considered I viewed him as the most eligible connection that could probably be formed as he deserves — I have not time to look through what I have written nor shall I add but my most sincere respects to my good friend Mrs Lee to whom with yourself I wish every happiness that the World can bestow. — W Hamell

Mr Jos. Lee
Annapolis
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