Dear Sir,

November 2nd 1785.

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It has really not been in my power to comply with my first engagement though I have made every exertion in my power. I could not raise Money upon the Land purchased nor upon any other Property nor can I procure it on Loan through the first, & perhaps Worthy Money lender in this State has for some time past promised to supply me in preference. I have engaged as far as three thousand pounds sterling when Mr. Cook & Co. will allow me, but when that will be I cannot by no means determine, as he has been most unexpectedly disappointed in receiving his valuable cargo since I arrived Maryland — I have informed Mr. Telfair of my expectations & shewed him the ground upon which he promised to communicate to you — let me beg my dear Sir my failure in complying has mortified me extreme & the more so as you have been so indulgent. I hope you will be persuaded

Copy of a letter
Mr. Williams to
Mr. Jefferson 2 Nov. 1785