have, I not my good friend, much to fear, without the consolation of a ray of hope? unless it be founded in the liberality of my countrymen — I think upon reflection I have an earnest of their favourable disposition in the applications before me, in allowing I will indulge the idea — to Mr. Smith my acknowledgements are due for his favorable statements; & I entreat you my dear Sir, to be so just to the emotions of my heart, as to believe that I most cordially & sincerely reciprocate the respect, & even affectionate regard, with which you are pleased to honor,

Yr. Mo. Obedt. & Oblgd.
Servt. Clifton

Please to communicate to my friend Campbell my determination, & write reply to a post of one of his late letters on the subject of his

Thos. S. Lee

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