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Sir.

Mr Wm Jordan who goes out with Capt Everlett will hand you this, and I have to solicit your kind advice and assistance to Him in the looking after some settlement, or avocation, or employment which He anxiously wishes for in our quarter of the United States: He also wishes too to look over & examine any Estates (which may be for sale) that may hereafter be eligible purchases for some of his friends here, for many Englishmen (notwithstanding their former deep rooted prejudices agt America) are now looking to establishments among us.

Mr Jordan is an excellent & well informed Farmer, and as such was fixed upon by the Board of English agriculture to Survey and make the returns for the County of Hertfordshire. I dont know any man more likely to be useful to any Gentn of landed & farming property, who wish to improve their Estates by laying them down in the English beneficial mode of tilth, or system of Husbandry; the knowledge of which we are in a general way so deficient in about our quarter of the Union. If you know of any Gentn wanting such skilful superintendant or director I should be oblig'd by your recommend of Mr Jordan & I am sure his employer will be benefited by Him.

Mr Jordan is also a well informd mechanic as well as manufacturer, particularly in a new invented tence peice, on an excellently constructed, tho a simple loom, for which He has obtaind the rewards & notice of the Society of Arts Manufactures & Commerce of London.

I am sure I need not add more to insure your assistance protection & advice to Him and remain (wishing that I had it in my power to say I had recd any late favour from you)

Sir yr ob.t H.ble Serv.t

Thos Diggles

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