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your letter my Dear son gave me infinite pleasure. I have had many anxious hours about you since you left me. it gives me great satisfaction to hear that your situation is agreeable, I hope it will be more so every Day when you get better acquanted with the People and the Country where you reside, your time is very precious my Dear Child. I sincerely hope you will be of my opinion and take every opportunity to improve your Self. you do not tell me how you like Mr Matignon. I beg my Dear John that you will attend Constantly to your religion let nothing induce you to neglect going to Church on Sundays and all greats Days when you can make it convenient and attend to your other Religious Duties. pray write to me when ever you can I shall leave your Sister and Brothers to write you the news. fare well my Dear boy, and beleive me to be your

Affectionate Mother
M Lee

My Dear Brother:

20th July 1804.

You will percieve that I have been preceded in an acknowledgement of the reciept of your last favor by both your Mother & Sister. In expressions of affection a repetition can only be expected from us all. To introduce the Discussion of any classical subject ere you become settled, and acquainted with your new avocation, would be claiming an undue sacrifice of your recreations, there then remains but the detail of local occurrences to fill the residue of this letter — amongst the most melancholy