to offer a Tender of my Personal Services to you If I can in any manner be instrumental in assisting you to a proper Introduction to the Pleasures or Conveniences of this Gay Metropolis, vain however will be any attempt to repay the kindness & Attention for which I am so much indebted to you & your Family during my residence in the City of Charlottesville, and of which I must ever entertain the most grateful Recollection.

I write this under the Fear that I may not find you at Home, and that I may rather undergo the Ceremony of making a formal Excuse to you for my not having the Pleasure of meeting with you hitherto, or for a short Time to come, than that you should be tempted to attribute to neglect what is the unfortunate result of accident.

Believe me
My dear Sir
Very truly yours
Henry Dearborn Junr

Boston 29th 1809.

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