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My dear John, Nedwood June 9. 1819.

I arrived here on Monday Eve. but found only one letter had been brought from the Office in my absence & that Mr. Shaw advising of my having lied on their Books for upwards of $1000. p. to the Bank of Col. by Shaffer's draft & also for upwards of $200. by Shaffer's Check on the Eastern Shore Bank.

My Servt. brought Genl. Smith's demand for the payment of his whole Claim by the 20th Inst. I replied by the Mail of this day that I would hasten to Collect what I could & remit the same in hopes of his not offering to take the $1000. due on the Sale of my last Crop of Wheat. to take the best chance of securing punctuality had reduced the Amt. whether I shall succeed will soon be ascertained as I shall call for the Money preparing immediately. You may remember that I sent Mr. Smith with 8 bushels of Seed the 28 March 1818 at his request the price fixed, eight Cents January 1st. was $96. the same Mr. Dawson, Morris, Horsey & Worthington paid. the deed is not finished. Smith's Statement of the balance due from me made up to the 20th Mr. Smith have the power to account & will do it forthwith. I take it for granted a Measure that will in no Sense give me offence. and I shall use the same diligence in my endeavors to raise their money as if no such Step was taken but aware of the pressure of the time & the scarcity of money I have made no promises to pay at a stated time for the

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