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My Dear Sir,

We came from the Country two or three days ago, and are there for our way to Havana, for which place we propose to embark on the 28th in the St. Philadelphia - our intention is to pass a couple of months or so in Cuba and to return here in April, in order to prepare for our final flight to Europe in June, Deo volente.

Should you see Mr. Sevier will you please to ask him to furnish me with a letter or two for Europe? and if you have any friends there I shall be much obliged by a similar favour from you. I am thus early in mentioning this matter because the communication from Cuba is less certain & speedy. - Any communication addressed to Washington Jackson Esq. here will reach me.

We have just spent more than two months at Laurel Hill in Midwinter, and found the weather much more cold and inclement than I had expected. The weather here at present, is as general as with you in april.

I hope you and your family have continued well since I had the pleasure of seeing you. Anna's health is much the same - she begs me to present her kindest remembrances to yourself & Mrs and Miss Lee, to whom I hope you will do me the honour to make my compliments acceptable. My daughter and myself are much disappointed that we had not the pleasure of meeting them and yourself in Newyork last October. Believe me, My Dear Mr Lee,

Most Faithfully yours

W. N. Mercer.

John Lee Esqr.

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