

306 Mount Vernon 22 Nov^r 1797

My dear Sir,



Your letter of the 13th inst.^h has been duly received, as I believe all your Others have. — The order for settling my acc^{ts}, as Es^r of Court, was immediately sent to M^r Keith; who asks, as "the order of Court must be published for a month in the Alexandria Gazette, and the time fixed upon for auditing the accounts made known at the foot of the order, — a copy of the order served up to M^r West with a notification of the time for the review of the acc^{ts} and, as the Defendants live out of the country, a considerable length may be necessary to allow for entering upon the business, I could wish to be made acquainted with what you suppose to be a reasonable time, before I determine any thing respecting it." — as this business has been entered upon in consequence of your advice, be so good as to let me know what answer to give M^r Keith. We have heard nothing more of M^r Forbes. — If it should fall in your way

way, without formality, I should be glad if you would ask M^{rs} Rob^t Brooke if he did not receive a letter from me, in October, on this subject? - If he did, and I see not how it sh^d. be otherwise, his conduct towards me has been very ungentle, such as I would not have heeded to him, or any other.

The first knowledge we had of M^{rs} Forbes, was communicated by his brother, M^{rs} J^r Brooke to M^{rs} Anderson my Manager, who, at Fredericksburgh, expressing our want of a Housekeeper, the former strongly recommended M^{rs} Forbes, and promised to ascertain whether she would come or not. Upon a second application (by letter) from M^{rs} Anderson, M^{rs} J^r Brooke wrote him, that he had written two or three times to Richmond on this business, but had received no answer. - A few days afterwards, however, he wrote again that M^{rs} Forbes was willing to come for \$150 p^{er} Ann. and was desirous to know soon, if she would be accepted on those terms; - advising in the same letter (to avoid delay & accidents) that the answer might pass to her through your

his brother Robert. - The first Post after the receipt of this letter - viz - on the 27th of Oct^r, I wrote to the latter, enclosing this letter (as an apology for giving him the trouble) requesting as a favour, that he would let M^{rs} Forbes know that I acceded to her terms, & wished her to proceed immediately to this place & that he would be so good as to give some intimation of her character.

Since which, I have never received a line from him; - and presume if I had not (as much by accident as if a premeditated design) brought the matter to your view, might (if the case is not jeopardized now) ^{have} been defeated altogether in obtaining the above person as a housekeeper. - If any miscarriage attended my letter, the thoughts I entertain of M^{rs} Brooke are unfounded, - if he received it, they will mark him pretty strongly in my estimation. - Remember us kindly to M^{rs} Washington and be assured, always, of the friendship of

Your affectionate Uncle
E. J. Washington



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