

New York. March 25th 1792

My dear Friend -

Your Letter of the 14th has been a Balm to my Soul, in the midst of my affliction - The advice you give, I had laid down as the previous Rule of my Conduct - and will rigidly adhere to - whatever may happen, you shall never blush to call me your Friend - of this be sure -!

This Letter will be presented to you by my Friend Mr. Vananderson, - the Principal Surgeon of the Flouishy Colony of Galapagos - placing my dear Friend, at the Expense of my Fortune, unaided, and unprotected by the Government - Let me my dear Sir, Entreat all your Influence to call the attention of Government to this Valuable Settlement, - which has ~~been~~ introduced Arts, and the Cultivation of Objects which will prove a Source of Wealth to the Western World; whilst it serves as a medium to preserve ~~under proper~~ Encouragement, the Friendship of the Savage Tribes -

They are at present altogether destitute of Medicine; whilst Martin is an older Settlement, - as well as that of Symmes, - has ~~Experienced~~ Constantly the fostering Care of Government, as far as our Military Force and Advice of - I have assured this Gentleman, you had the Interest of these Settlements much at heart, and that as far as depended on you, you would use your Influence to extend Protection to them - God bless you & Yours!

W^d W^r.

