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My dear Sir

I am unfortunate in my endeavours to ascertain the particulars you wish respecting General Ogleshorpe. Several of my friends have sought the information for me, from persons generally well informed on such subjects; but all traces of him seem to have gone by:—probably from the circumstance of his leaving no family, and the fear at which he died going to some other name.

I have been drawn into long delay through the occasional hope of being able to succeed in the inquiry, but every endeavour has been fruitless.

I do not at present see any more probable mode of pursuing the investigation, than that of writing

to the post-master, or to some individual near to Grantham Hall, or to Godalming in Surrey, and this measure I would suggest.

I have written to a friend in France, requesting him to lay his hand on any autographs of such characters ^{as} Franklin, La Fayette, &c. as may fall in his way; and I have expectation of visiting Paris in the course of the summer, in which case I will endeavour to procure some autographs for you.

I cannot at this moment add to your collection; but have some prospect of obtaining some from Murray the bookseller, through the agency of a friend.

Your letter gave me the first intelligence of the death of our lamented friend Dr Kollock. His loss must be irreparable for a long time to the people of Savannah. A man who united so many amiable and estimable qualities in private life, such exemplary devotion, and such persuasive eloquence as a preacher of the gospel, and such varied and extensive acquirements as a man of science, must leave a chasm on his abrupt departure, that cannot be soon supplied to the circle from which Providence has removed him.

My brother joins me in respectful and kind regards to Mrs Molton and your family.

I am dear Sir
Your friend &c

P. Irving

your letter gave me the
first intimation of the death of
our beloved friend Dr. Hall
his life must be regarded as
a long train to the hall of triumph
a man who united so many amiable
and estimable qualities in private
life, well deserving honor, and
our generous admiration as a
member of the faculty, and our
warm and extensive acquaintance
as a man of science, must leave
a vacuum in his abrupt departure
that cannot be soon supplied to
the circle from which he came
we sorely miss him.

My brother joins me in
respectful and kind regards to
Mr. Foster and your family.
I am dear to
your friend
P. May