

James Madison to James Madison, Sr., February 12, 1782. Transcription: The Writings of James Madison, ed. Gaillard Hunt. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1900-1910.

TO JAMES MADISON. MAD. MSS.

Feb. 12, 1782.

Hond. Sir, —A conveyance by a waggon returning to your neighbourhood this moment presenting itself I make use of it to forward a collection of papers which have accumulated since the last supply. If there are any deficiencies be so good as to point them out to me. By the same conveyance I send to Mr. W. Maury 4 English grammars the price of which is 3 dollars which he is to remit thro' you.

The disappointment in forwarding the money by Mr. Brownlow has been sorely felt by me, and the more so as the Legislature has made no provision for the subsistence of the Delegates that can be relied on.¹ I hope some opportunity will soon put it in your power to renew the attempt to transmit it, & that the delay will have made considerable addition to it. Besides the necessity of this supply for the common occasions, I have frequent opportunities here of purchasing many scarce & necessary books at $\frac{1}{4}$ of the price which if to be had at all they will hereafter cost me. If an immediate conveyance does not present itself for the cash, I wd. recomend that a bill of exchange on some merchant here be got of

Mr. Hunter, Mr. Maury or other respectable merchant, & forwarded by the post. This is a safer method than the first and I make no doubt is very practicable. I wish at all events the trial to be made & that speedily.

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1 J. Ambler, Treasurer of Virginia, wrote to Madison, May 11, 1782: "I sincerely wish our Treasury would enable us to make you a remittance. We have not had ten pounds Specie in it since my coming into office, and it is much to be feared there will not any come in for a long time. . . . Want of commerce prevents a due circulation of what Money is in the State so that tho' the Army of our Allies spend some with us, it remains in few hands.—The officers of Civil Government have not been paid for the last ten months." August 24th, he writes that accounts should be rendered for the number of days of service as a delegate at \$8.00 a day. Madison was charged with £2000, paid in December, 1779, before he left Virginia. From that date up to November, 1782, £500 was paid him. March 22, 1783, Ambler announced that £865, 8 s, 3 d was still due him.—Mad. MSS.

I recollect nothing new which is not contained in some of the late papers. Present my affectionate regards to all the family. I have not time to add more than that I am, your dutiful son.