

Bedford – 21st Feby 1815 –

Dear Peter

I have recd. your Letter of the 17 Inst. In it you express Doubt whether you had informed me that Mrs Keesse had taken the Stone House. You gave me this Information in your Letter of the 20 Ult. – I answered that Letter by the then next mail, and it was carried to the post office with a Letter to you from Wilm. concerning Judge Miller – his letter you have recd. and answered but no mention having been made to him or to me, that you had also recd. mine, I fear it has miscarried – in it I approved of your having let the house to Mrs. Keese, and also made some Remarks on Judge Millers Letter to you.

I am glad the church has the sum you mention, but whether any or how much of it is to be credited to Mrs. Banyer I do not know. It would not be prudent to diminish principal (sic), and therefore I wish again to place at Interest the Whole principal (sic) sum paid in by Hackn Bailey – Hence I am at a Loss to judge whether I can spare as much as Mr. Stuvosandt (?) desires, or only a part of it – especially as I must retain a Supply for current Expenses, which are not unconsiderable – Besides, it will I presume be necessary for me to assist Wm. to pay for a carding machine, which he has concluded to erect in the mill. – At present therefore I am unable to decide what Sum it would be advisable to place at Interest, beyond the Principal recd. of Hach. Bailey.

Your observations relative to Mr. LeRoy's Death are just. On Saturday last, Nancy recd. a Letter from Maria. She was then better. The objections of Doctr. Watts to prescribing for a distant Patient, are I think well founded – Mary's Invitation deserves, and doubtless will be gratefully recd. – I wish there may be no Impediments to its being accepted.

The Joy carried by the Return of Peace is I am persuaded (with certain Exceptions) very cordial and general - The Treaty will relieve us from war, but how far it will also relieve us from the Delusion which caused it, is yet to be seen - - it will certainly deprive that Delusion of the sustinance it derived from the Patronage which the war created -

We all enjoy an unusual Degree of Health, and shall rejoice to learn that Mary & the children have recovered theirs – our love to them -

I am Dear Peter
your affte father
John Jay

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