

Farmington 3<sup>d</sup> April 1809

My Dear Friend

I am really feeling some delicacy at what I am about to exact from you as I know it will be attended with some trouble to you but your kind offer to execute my little commissions <sup>as</sup> emboldens me to put your friendships to the test once more to get me a plain high posted mahogany bedstead with railing I would prefer it made in the old fashion style low, as I find a difficulty in ascending those of the present day in consequence of my Rheumatic complaints also a chest of drawers inculcar front a pair of Rose Blankets a piece of low priced coarse muslin a small looking glass not to exceed 8 Dollars will answer for my chamber it can be wrap'd in a blanket and put in one of the drawers and if a Dozen Coffee cups and saucers a bowl or two 1 Doz Green edged Soup plates and a Doz shallow plates can be pack'd in with softy 3 or four middle size dishes the largest about 18 inches & small pudding dishes a Doz common tumblers I would wish a coarse blanket put about the chest of drawers and a case made to put in and also one for the bedstead as going so long a journey over rough roads they would stand but a poor chance perhaps the crockery may add too much to the weight if so I will thank you to have them pack'd in a box with a bottle of castor oil and 2 bottles of good Sweet oil as there is no Physician in the Neighbourhood of Benches I think it necessary to take out a little medicine for fear of the worst will enclose a memorandum which by sending to the apothecaries the articles may be got and put into the drawers the light articles the other may be put into the box. Eliza will



kind enough to assist you as I am afraid that you will have too much to attend to as I understand from Mally Barrett that you are soon to be up I have just heard that M<sup>r</sup> Monroe is at his plantation hopes to have the pleasure of a visit from him M<sup>r</sup> Jefferson call'd last week, and dined here yesterday I never saw him look better nor appear so happy M<sup>r</sup> Peter Carr has been riding about the country for the last two months Election evening he offers for the Senate in opposition to M<sup>r</sup> Thaxton & Garland but his friends are fearful that he will not succeed the election begins to day. Harriet is still with M<sup>rs</sup> Minor who had a little one this day week. I expect to go there in a few days and spend a week in the neighbourhood of M<sup>rs</sup> Carr is in bad health she is with her son Sam at Dulora M<sup>rs</sup> Carr is also in the Straws Mally tells that Eliza will certainly make you a Grand Mama ere long and that M<sup>r</sup> Hay is quite elated at the prospect of increasing his family I shall always rejoice at any event that will contribute to her happiness I hope to see her before I go to Henry which will not be sooner than May or June I enclose a Hundred Dollars whatever may be deficient let me know and I will remit it by the first opportunity if there ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> no waggons going ~~from~~ <sup>to</sup> Henry the things must be sent to Lynchburg but I will write to Beuchy on the subject and ~~will~~ let you know let them be directed to him perhaps my friend Charles Hay will interest him self in my behalf and enquire if there are any waggons from Henry that will take them this is about the time of their coming down tho it will take some time to get them in readiness I am fearful that I shall impose a very unpleasant task on you and the reflection makes me uneasy but I really am at a loss who to apply to, with the same freedom, no one I can only say that if I ever can return the obligation it will afford me the greatest pleasure I received the things committed to Mallys care and return you many thanks present me most affectionately to Eliza and Maria I am very much pleased to hear that Maria is learning her lessons



So well my Compliments to M<sup>r</sup> Gray both the Miss Gray and Charles  
and if you should see any of M<sup>r</sup> Edmund Randolphs family remem-  
ber me to them also your wishes to Madame Beazee God bless ~~you~~  
and be assured that I am sincerely your friend & Trist

I am not particular about the bedstead being mahogany <sup>lath</sup> cherry or any  
other decent looking one will answer and I would prefer ~~lath~~ for the bottom  
and the head board pretty high will you let me know the price of a good hair  
mattress about 4 feet wide or to fit the bedstead