

Rock. Castle

Dear Father,

Several days have elapsed since I arrived here from my expedition to the mountains, but I have been so much indisposed that I could not with ease proceed immediately to Richmon. I am extremely impatient to set out for New-York where my time would be much more profitably spent, & wish if it were convenient, you would send up your single chair for me, that I might come down & hear your determination with respect to my departure.

M^r Leslie has expressed his desire to see at your settlement with him. In addition to the promise I gave him in Scotland every circumstance of which you are acquainted with, he has drawn out the explanatory postscript which I have inclosed you. He wished me to copy it and subscribe to it but I refused and referred him entirely to you, letting him know I was entirely unconnected with him on the subject.

By his being discharged so soon, I look upon myself
as in his debt for instruction in the Mathematics
the last six months of my residence in Edin^g
which otherwise I should never have thought of
making him any return for. This debt will amount
to ten Guineas. I owe him four pounds sixteen
shillings for money expended on my late journey &
some other trifling things. I wished to have purchased
a few books from him, but as ^{there are} so many unexpected
calls on you of which I am the author, I willingly
dispense with this.

Relying entirely on your sense of
justice and perfectly convinced of your equitable in-
tentions it would be inexcusable forwardness in me to
mention any thing farther on the subject of your
settlement with M^r Leslie.

Your dutiful

& aff. Son

Jos. M. Randolph

Recd. to J. M. Randolph
5th April 1799