

Dear Sir

Montpellier July 1A. 1826

I received by the last mail yours of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst: The article bequeathed to me by your Grandfather, had been delivered by Dr. Dugleson, and received with all the feelings due to such a token of the place I held in the friendship of one, whom I so much revered & loved, when living, and whose memory can never cease to be dear to me.

I must beg you, my dear Sir, to assure your excellent and dear mother that I shall be happy in every opportunity of proving the value I put on the kind invitation you have communicated, and to be assured yourself of my great & affectionate esteem.

James Madison