April 20th 1820

Dearest Nicholas

I received a polite and affectionate letter from Lewis Livingston announcing his intention of visiting New York and offering to be the bearer of any thing I wish to send you, I have asked him to take charge of the triplicate of that bill for one hundred and fifty dollars if Mr Leckey, has not already sent it as he promised your Father, also your sword dirk & if it has arrived; your Father and I wrote to you and Browse since the twentieth of March to acquaint you that Mr Smith had consented to receive fifteen hundred dollars a year and give you a credit as tis paid to him on Mr Callender of New York, your Father sent him six hundred dollars immediately, of which one hundred and fifty is intended for you the same sum for your grandmother and three hundred for Browse but he must draw for four hundred and fifty as the money is only at the disposition of your self and brother, next week your Father intends sending Mr Chatt two hundred dollars for you but do not draw on Mr C-- for it before I write you you must manage this until next October when you will receive the residue of your allowance if you contract any debts do not promise to pay them before that time. I am sorry to say our prospects are not very agreeable the mill has stopped though it has sawed only three weeks, many are of opinion that the river will rise again which is devoutly to be wished as five thousand dollars less in our revenue will not add much to our comfort or peace of mind. The pamphlet which you promised in your letter of the first of March has not arrived I know too little of the affair to be able to form an opinion about it, I have only to hope that the part you have taken in it will not deprive you of the station you merit in your Class, when you can send me your likeness with convenience let be in oil colours do not be drawn with a cravat but choose a costume that exposes your neck, I am in a great hurry as I wish to answer Lewis's letter instantly for the vessel he goes in sails within a few days adieu my dear Child the family embrace you tenderly

your Affectionately
M T

Dermandin has just arrived, to our great consternation as we dread the contagion of his disorder on account of our dear little children, I requested him not to kiss them, it was a painful task though I did it in as delicate a manner as possible but it was my duty— M T

go and see the Lewis family Mrs Bache and Callender

My mother
april 20th 1820

Nicholas P. Trist