Governor Square
Sep 21st

My dear Wife Jefferson, I hope will not accuse me of neglect in not having thanked her for her letter & the curious which she has so good a reason to send me. The truth is we have been in the country where there was nothing happened to entertain one sufficiently to write a very dull answer as usual. I have not been able to write you for excuse of my stupidity which is really the case now. Our time has chiefly been taken up in riding with our younger Basheires who were with us for their holidays or walking or walking very good naturedly as fast as we could (when they were engaged at cricket) in order to knock up a very fine girl sort of a woman who lives with us (by name Mrs. Bumis) in order to keep the house in at the window after either of these pursuits. I was totally negligent to address Your honorable Mr. Jefferson as I were went near a gurgling stream or brook without trying to diminish the inhabitants of the valley deep by aiming for quads and we have been...
since we Richmond which is a charming place ten miles from London - to Mr. Browne, uncle to Ld. Radnor. Mrs. B. a great friend of ours. She is going to be married next month to Sir James St. Clair. She is gone to canvass in Scotland against a dissolution of Parliament which may happen soon or next year for what she knows & she is busy employed in ordering gowns. We only came home yesterday & back again tomorrow with the Duke who often inquires after you. I wrote some nonsense to Bute about last week about 15 o'clock. I hope I have not offended her. If I have it is all your fault. So you must prepare to be well escorted Tuesday. Caroline desires her love - she has desired one to request a favour. If you think I'd be almost ashamed to ask you if we did not judge of you by ourselves who would be delighted to be of any service to you. It is for you to ask the thing to buy a single black silk cloak it is to cost 9 Guineas & a half & a double one at 3 Guineas they must send them to the Duke to Weaver who will pay for them & send them to Tom as Lee demoiselle de Paukli must have too much — to send them to a quarter. Tell Mr. X. I suppose we are as much engaged as you are with getting the consular marriage I long to hear
of your arrival in America, we shall see the same. Paper as full of the persons of slavery there when you arrive in America, as they are now of that of liberty in France. Excuse these small and believe one ever.

Most affectionately, you.

E. Tufton.