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Virginia shipboard Jan 3. 1775

D. M. Steele

Dear Uncle,

I have been living in Carolina ever since my wife return'd, which was this time last month, waiting with patience to recover my money from Dr. Campbell who has paid with me very much tho' he advanced me of some payment now, but fear a disappontment still, for he has been an active suspender of the laws ever since my return to this country. I have no opportunity of recovering any demand that way, but the present sensible contentance of my men never any thing - we are in a very lamentable situation, nothing prevailing but a general suspicion throughout all the Colonies of the appearance of its being still worse, until our assemblies which sat down the 25th day of this month come when some moderate measures, which is to be communicated to them, with two months proposal for their taking themselves, we shall hear the want in a day or two of those the result of which will be no doubt before that time it will just arise an opportunity of informing you, particularly whether we are to be involved in all the horrors of Civil War, or how far
of harmony restored, for on this present meeting it depends

Our situation who is President of the Congress at Philadelphia
being just returned from thence if it seems has brought this
sense of that Body what measures to adopt, so a few days
will determine the important points which I am sure all
good people pray sincerely may be peace, I wrote you a few
months ago from Carolina as follows and often, but am very
often at a loss for an opportunity - since we came here to
have had the pleasure of a letter from you (Date of the last)
of February inclosing one from my friend Mr. J. G. Moore
as great pleasure to receive these letters. To be informed of
your both being well & wished the pleasure to
find our little girl safe arrived at Norfolk & soon coming
here having had a very fine passage of 15 Weeks from hence
brought her up here to her mother, who is at this place on
a visit, & we shall have this to a few days in another
to Carolina.

The Master was recommended to me by Mr. Campbell from your
neighbourhood, was recommended to me by Mr. Duke, &
had a credit upon Mr. Gibbons House, but the present
troubles has put it out of his power to undertake any thing
here for the present, so he goes home again to wait till a
sufficient prospect than the present will present
I have given him an order to get a barrel of our

Flower to carry you as a small memento, if it is the only
thing I know of at present. I desire you will
give my love to my Aunt, & be assured that I always
remain

Dear Uncle

Yours affectionately
John H. Mitchell