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O Dear Uncle —

Virginia October 20th 1771

I expected long before now to have paid my respects to you in person, which has been the cause of my not writing to you often & more at large, but through one difficulty and another I find myself together with the late season of the year unable to take the journey home before the spring, at which time I flatter myself I shall meet you & a few other friends in good health, a circumstance that will afford me great happiness, after so long a separation from the place & persons I hold very dear to me, & among whom it will complete my happiness to spend the remainder of my days; which is a plan I have much at heart and am endeavouring to accomplish — The last time I wrote was by way of Whitehaven with a few Hams, which I hope came to hand, this I send by the same route ~~to~~ with a cask of fine Madeira Wine for you, to the care of a worthy friend and acquaintance of long standing, Mr. Harrison, who I hear has paid a visit to your part of the Country last Summer to spend some time with his friend Mr. Gibson, who I understand has purchased an Estate in your neighbourhood, so consequently I apprehend they must both be known to you — they are valuable men & no two persons were ever so much respected in this Country, so of course their departure from hence is much lamented

The wine I hope will come to your hands in safety, it is
of the best quality, & I send it with the hopes you will take
a chearfull glass of it often, it being much recommended
for its good effect upon the constitution, especially of
persons advanced in Years — I do not know of any thing
else that might be acceptable to you from hence, but as
Virginia Hams are looked on by some people at home, to
be a rarity, I will send you some of them soon, & will
again write you — Promising myself much pleasure
from seeing you early in the Spring, I will conclude with
my best wishes for your health, & begging my love to my Aunt
(who I hope is still well & in the family) I remain

Dear Uncle

Yours most affectionately
Thos. Gilchrist

P.S.

I forgot to mention to you that the wine must be fined
down before use, as it will not appear any thing till then
may do not imagine, that my not having kept up a constant
correspondance with you proceeded in any shape from
want of due respect, as nothing could be further from my mind.
I assure ^{you} from my heart that I have always considered you dearer
to me than all my other relations, with none of whom I have
had the opportunity, if I had desired it of having any
kind of connection — adieu D. for God bless you
I am as above
Yours
Thos. Gilchrist

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Thomas Edgar Esq^r
To the care of Mr. Geo. Harrison