



Thomas Gilchrist Letters - Transcription

Virginia Suffolk June 3, 1775

Dear Uncle,

I have been living in Carolina ever since my wife returned, which was this time [?] month, working with patience to recover my money from Dr. Campbell who has trifled with me very much, tho he assures me of some payment now, but I fear a disappointment still, and as there has been an entire suspension of the Laws ever since my return to this Country, I have had no opportunity of recovering my demand that way, and if the present troubles continue may never receive any thing__ we are in a very lamentable situation, nothing prevailing but uproar and wild confusion throughout all the Colony and the appearance of its being still worse, unless our assembly which sat down the first day of this month come upon some moderate measures, which is to be recommended to them, with [?] proposal for those [?] themselves; we shall hear the event in a day or two and should the Vessel I intend this by not Sail before that time it will give me an opp.ty [opportunity] of informing you particularly, whether we are to be involved in all the horrors of Civil War, or have peace and harmony restored, for one this present meeting it depends our speaker who is President of the Congress at Philadelphia being just returned from there, and it seems has brought the sense of that Body what measures to adopt, so a few days will determine the important point which I am sure all good people pray sincerely may be at peace__ I wrote you a few months ago from Carolina and should write oftener, but am very often at a loss for an opportunity__ since we came here I have had the pleasure of a [?] from you dated the last February inclosing [?] from my Aunt to my Wife, it gave us great pleasure to view these letters and to be informed of you both being well_ we had likewise the pleasure to find our little girl safe arrived at Norfolk at our coming here, having had a very fine passage of 5 Weeks_ I have since brought her up here to her Mother, who is at this place on a Visit, we shall leave this in a few days on our return to Carolina_ the [?] of this a Mr. Campbell from your Neighborhood was recommended to me by Mr. Duke, and had a credit upon Mr. Gibsons 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 happier prospect than the present will present, I have given him an order to get a barrel of our best Flower to carry you as a small memorandum, and if it is the only thing I know

of at present___ I desire you will give my love to my Aunt, and be assured that I always remain

Dear Uncle
Your's affectionately
Tho,s Gilchrist