

**John Baylor to George Washington, June 20, 1757,  
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**FROM JOHN BAYLOR,<sup>1</sup> ESQ.**

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DEAR SIR

Yrs. of ye. 10th. I rec'd & have by the Bearer sent yr. Mare which I make not the least Doubt of being in Foal & you are kindly welcome to send a couple of Mares yearly to my Horses. When we come to recounting Favours I find my self so largely yr. Debtor that I shall allways insist on yr. Commanding with Freedom any & every thing wherein I can be serviceable. Sorry I am for the unhappy Fall of ye. poorest or least of our back inhabitants. I wish it were in my Power to prevent it. The tenderness of my Understanders render me incapable of Atchevts in that Part of the World Could we get a peacable or even Forcible Possession of that fine Country lying between the Mississippi & Ohio I had rather live there than any Part of America & more so after a late Confab. with Capt. Gist. I wish my good Friends Capt. Spotswood & Lieut. Baker may not have ventured too far with so small Partys but as the brave Harry ye. 5th. told his soldiers that Victory was not so much owing to Numbers as to the Conduct & Courage at the remarkable Battle of Agin-court so I make no doubt but these Gentlemen of whom I have an extry. esteem will render a good account of their Behaviour. If ever an Oppy. offers pray remember my little Friend Capt. Woodford.

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And that you may always succeed in all yr. Undertakings will be ever the most joyful news to

Dear Colo. yr. most Obedt. Hbl. Sert. & sincere well wisher

J. BAYLOR

1 Father of Major George Baylor, aid to Washington at the battle of Trenton, alleged possessor of MS. of the letters of Junius. See Mr. Brock's biographical sketch of Colonel Baylor in the Dinwiddie Papers, vol. ii. p. 103.