

**Myles Cooper to John Parke Curtis, February 5, 1774,
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FROM THE REVEREND DOCTOR COOPER TO JOHN PARKE CUSTIS.

KING'S COLL: NEW YORK, Feb. 5, 1774.

DEAR SIR,

I did myself the pleasure of writing to Colo. Washington ye. 10th. of last month, and promised, in that Letter, to write to You, & send the State of your Accounts, by the next Week's post.

My Intention was good—but I could not act up to it, as the Accounts could not so soon be collected. I have, now, I hope, got them all. I do not send them inclosed, on Account of ye. Postage: but Mr. Harper, who knows much more of Figures than myself, has taken the Trouble to digest them; and in such a Manner as, I hope, will make them intelligible enough, to a person skilled in Business at least, however they might perplex One unused to such like Transactions.

I am apprehensive the Sum of them rises higher than your Expectation: I own it is higher, by much, than *I* supposed it *would* have been. *Graham's* Bill is an *heavy* one: but You best know what Articles You had of him. I always heard him reckoned a *dear* Fellow—as I once told You;—whether he is *honest* or not, is another Question: But it is certain he is a violent Presbyterian.

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You will, I hope, not take it merely as a Compliment—to which Kind of Business You know I am not much addicted—when I assure You of my being very sensibly affected upon your leaving this College. The Regard I had conceived for You, from the Regularity of your Conduct, and the Goodness of your Disposition, could not possibly produce any other Effect upon me. However, I doubt not, from ye. Amiableness of your *Lady-that is-or Lady-that is to be's* Department, Character, and Accomplishments, that she will make You happy *at home*, which is more than most People, I fear, find themselves to be *abroad*.

Our good Governor is very much indisposed, &, I presume, will hasten away to England with all possible Expedition.—Miss Bell Auchmuty, I hear, is on ye. point of Marriage, to a Mr. Barton, an English Gentleman of considerable Fortune, settled at Brunswick. This is all the News I *recollect*. Indeed my Hands are so full of Business since Mr. Vardill's Departure, that I cannot often stir abroad, add to which, that, for upwards of a Week past, I have been so much indisposed with a most violent Cold, as not to be able to leave even my Room.

What is become of Mr. Boucher? I wrote to him, presently after my Return from Maryland; but not one Word have I heard of him since. I hope you will not be so totally engaged, after Marriage, as our Friend seems to have been

With my best Wishes for your Happiness, and best Respects to Colo. Washington, whom, You kn [mutilated] highly esteem,

I am, dear Sir, yr. very affecte. Friend, and very hble Servt. MYLES COOPER.