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FROM ROBERT ADAM, ESQ.

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SIR

The bearer hereof Mr. Young is a young man that came a perfect Stranger to me about three years ago, enquireing for employmt. as an Assistant or Clerk And from his Appearance then I thought there was something promiseing in his looks or that bid fair for doing well haveing at that time no occation for any person myself I recomended him to Doctr. Ross who I had heard say wanted such a person, he was accordingly employed by him & has since that time till now been with the Doctr. & most part of the time at his Iron Works, till the floods last March Demolished greatly their Dams &c. — his encouragement with the Doctr. being but small & his not haveing much Occation for any person in his way Induced him to Look out for Bussiness else where On my Return from you, he called upo me and made me acquainted with his Intentions of getting in to some other employ or trying what he could do for him self in Jamaica, Recolecting our Conversation Yesterday, I asked him how he would like a trip to the new Countrey¹ and mentioned you wanting a trusty person for some months to Over look some hands you purposed sending there to make some improvements and give him just a little Sketch of your intentions that way, he very Frankly offered his best endeavours to serve in that way as far as he was Capable, I realy beleve he will suite you he is Smart and Active & has a pretty good turn

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for any thing I believe him to be a very Sober Young Man & Strictly Honest and from the Conversation I have had with [him] on that Subject I think he will Exert himself to give you entire Satisfaction in any Bussiness you entrust him with, he seems pleased with the plan, as he hopes after haveing done some Bussiness for you he might from his knowledge of these parts be able to procure a piece of Good Land for himself, which is very probable, he waits upon [you] with this, that you may have an oportunity of Converseing with him, I have said nothing to him of what encouragement you will give he will I believe leave that matter to your self till he gives you proof of his Abilitys and will sett out as soon as you please and in mean time would gladly be employed in any way to save his Expences he is a good Recountant and well acquainted with keeping books — If you think he will answer your purpose it will give me particular pleasure in recomending him to youl am Sir

Your Most Obedient & very Humble Servant ROBERT ADAM

1 The country over the Alleghanies.