

George Mason to George Washington, March 9, 1775, two same date, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.

FROM GEORGE MASON, ESQ.

GUNS [seal] HALL March 9th. 1775.

DEAR SIR

I had wrote the inclosed Letter last Night, & was Just sending my Man off with it, & the other Papers, when Your Messenger came; by whom You will now receive them, made up in within the Cover of the Acts of Assembly. —

I beg You to inform Mr. Johnston that the Bill I have drawn is intended only as a Ground-work, & that I desire every part of it may be submitted to his Correction. —

My Son George has been unwell some time, He went Yesterday wth. his Sister to Mrs. Eilbeck's, as soon as He returns, & has a little Leisure, He will make out a Copy of the List of Tytheables. You will be pleased to leave Directions Wth. Mr. Lund Washington about the Collection. We have had an Opportunity of speaking to most of the Gentlemen out of the County, who have Tytheables in it, & they have promised to give Directions for the Payment; I don't now recollect any whom it will be necessary to write to, but Colo. Henry Fitzhugh of Stafford, & Mr. John Turbeville of Westmoreland. —

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I take the Liberty of inclosing You £18 ..—Virga. Curcy., out of which I must beg the favour of you to pay to Mr. Nicholas, or Mr. Mizzay, £ 12 .. 10—Str: for my second payment in the Wine Compy: due the 1st. of May next, & take a Rect. accordingly: I had not Bills to come nearer the Sum; but the Balle. You can repay Me when You return.—I send You the Cherry Grafts You desire, but am afraid they are rather too forward: the bundle wth: the white stick in it is May-Dukes; the other the large black May Cherrys.—I am DrSir

Yr. affecte. & obdt Sert G MASON