

Thomas Jefferson to Washington, D.C., Commissioners, November 13, 1792, from Thomas Jefferson and the National Capital. Edited by Saul K. Padover.

Jefferson to Commissioners MR. JEFFERSON TO COMMISSRS. *Recd. 3 Dec. 1792.*

Philadelphia, Nov. 13th. 1792

Gentlemen/

Your letter of the 5th Instant came duly to hand, and you will receive by tomorrows Stage, 500 Copies of the City of Washington with the Soundings — It has been proposed here to sell them at $\frac{3}{4}$ of a Dollar, and the Boston plans at #, on this you will be pleased to decide — I have the honor to enclose you the Presidents, order on the Treasurer of Virginia for the *second* Instalment of the Money given by that State, and the letter of advice to the Treasurer, (also enclosed) will explain to you why the Draft is in that form — The merits of the Machine for cutting and polishing Stone, shall be enquired into and communicated to you — In the mean time permit me to add, that in the French Encyclopedie, you will find the drawings of mills for this purpose — The Idea which has been suggested, of our employing a superintendant, to execute all the *details* of your institution under your *general orders*, if finally approved by yourselves, would meet the approbation of the President, but whether it should be Mr. Blodget, of whom you appear to think well, or what other person, the President would leave entirely to yourselves — I have the honor to be with great esteem Gentlemen &c

Th Jefferson.

TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE FEDERAL BUILDINGS

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[Ms., p. 149, *American Letters*, IV, 1788–92, State Department Archives; p. 123, COMMISSIONERS' LETTERBOOK, Vol. I, 1791–1793, in the National Archives; p. 238, U. S. v. SMITH.]