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Commissioners to Thomas Jefferson, June 2, 1792,
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Commissioners to Jefferson COMMISSRS. TO MR. JEFFERSON

George-Town 2d June 1792

Sir/

The State of our Funds is such that we can with Convenience agree to the Indulgence Mr Blodget desires. We have fixed on the 8th. of October for a Public Sale of Lots, agreeable to the enclosed Advertisement. The Introduction of Mechanicks, and Labourers from Europe being thought by the friends of the City so advisable a measure, we have again taken up that subject it may indeed, eventually be usefull, perhaps almost necessary, and considering this a favourable Time, to hold out additional Motives, for Emigration we shall endeavour to concert a Plan with some of the Scots Merchants to bring over some Stonecutters and others, from that Country. We request you also to

fall on Measures to procure about 100 Germans single men and as many of them Stonecutters Masons, & Bricklayers, as can be readily had we will make any Arrangements you may think proper to pay the common passage Money to Alexandria or George-Town. The Tradesmen to work 16, the Labourers 20 months for their Passage. This number may not be a sufficient Inducement to send a Ship in purpose to this River, but we have no doubt but that any number of Passengers may be immediately disposed of here on the common Terms, we hold it essential the Ship should come here, as this may begin to be known a proper place for the Destination of Emigrants.

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We are Sir, &c

Tho. Johnson

Dd. Stuart

Danl. Carroll

[Pp. 90–1, COMMISSIONERS' LETTERBOOK, Vol. I, 1791–1793, in the National Archives; p. 16, . . . DOCUMENTARY HISTORY . . . OF THE CAPITOL, incomplete text.]