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Charleston. Dec: 14. 1792.

D^r Lean.

Your favor dated Novem^r? — was received yesterday with the hopes by the Delaware for which I am extremely obliged to you: it appears by yours that you had not as yet received my last favor which I think I wrote you by Welsh, & yet I have understood that he was arrived before the Delaware sailed. by that you will find that the deposition I was carrying on with J. Shabrick for some bonds of his Fathers was put an end to by the interference of W. Roger Smith, who took them out of his Fathers Estate in my absence to serve some purpose of his own. you will also receive my power for my Bank Dividends enclosed in the same letter, with my request how to appropriate them: I also took the Liberty of troubling you with some funded Certificates for a W^m Fredericks all of which I hope you have rec^d. safe long ere this. —

I was much surprized at the transaction with W^m R. Shabrick not being closed, & the more so at the reason assigned for it on the part of his attorney; I certainly misunderstood him very much if he did not mean to include the Debt of J. Shabrick: you will be kind enough to look over my letters

To you on this Subject send them to me, with such notes or memorandums as I have received from Mr D. S. on these subjects which I had transmitted you some time ago. in the mean time I shall make enquiries of Mr Wood as soon as he returns from Columbia, which will now be in a few days, & endeavour to learn how the objection came to be made at so late an hour of the business; & remove the objection if possible without waiting the arrival of ^{the above mentioned letters} ~~your~~ papers, which however you had better forward to me as soon as possible. I feel very much, my friend, for this disappointment of yours, & will endeavour all in my power to remove every obstacle in the way of concluding this negotiation.

as to J. S. he is such a hot-headed young man that I do not know what to do with him or how to manage him: he called on me this morning & went away much displeas'd because I told him you had determin'd not to give your own bonds, or warrant those you have offer'd him. He said Barnwell had told him, that he (B) made no doubt that you would willingly give your bonds to him upon a long Credit, & declar'd that B. never offer'd him £1200 for the bonds he was to receive from you. — he concluded with preparing

that the trial might be had next February, & that I would
not endeavour to postpone it. To which I replied that
I should write you on his determination not to accede
to the proposals you have made, & suggest his de-
sire that the trial might come on next Court; but that
I could not engage that it should be tried then (how-
ever solicitous he might be) unless your directions
came on for that purpose: for that was a point
in which I was not at all interested; my only charge
being that of mediating & endeavouring to settle & ad-
-just your differences amicably. — This is the re-
-sult of your friend's negotiation, which it pains him to
find has proved so very unsuccessful: he can only say
that if good wishes, industry, & integrity deserved a better
fate, that he really thinks his mediatorial services should
have been rewarded with the fulfilment of his
proposals. but notwithstanding I find myself not
advanced in the business, he assures that I will not des-
-pair to the last moment, but will attach myself
to your interest & cause, & what I think I can be servi-
-ceable to you.

I suppose you have heard that Gen. Moultrie
is elected Governor by a majority only of 11: J. E. Colburn
having the modesty to oppose him. — James Ladson

is Lieut Governor. - Prather our Senator. the President
had the eight voices of the Electors; Mr Adams 7. & Col
Aaron Burr 1. as vice President. old Laurens is
dead & his Body burnt. - our house of Representa-
tives have resolved to give leave to bring in a bill to
prohibit the Importation of Negroes from the Northern
States, wth Indies, &c for ever: & from Africa for 2
years more: which it is supposed the Senate will
concur in. as to Representatives of Congress I think W^m
Smith will be continued, tho he should be opposed by
Jacob Reid; Barnwell will be replaced by Gullon &
Hayer I fear will be supplanted by one Morgan Brown
of Charms. Don't imagine Tucker will keep his ground,
as Anderson seems to have a longing for the 6 dollars
p^r diem - Sumpter it is probable no body will oppose
she therefore will still continue. our Members are
endeavouring to obtain the additional Representative
for Charleston District, but whether they will succeed
is extremely doubtful. - W^m G. has given me ano-
ther Daughter, & is extremely well as is the field. She
is much concerned to hear of W^m Means indisposition
& confinement & hopes most sincerely that she will
recover her strength as the bracing air of winter ap-
proaches. - you flatter me much. when you

tell me that you endeavour to make your son
remember my little ones; be assured that John re-
collects him perfectly & frequently speaks of him: I
hope that they will be better acquainted by & by & be
united by ties of a sincere & affectionate nature.

The President of our Bank will send on some
names together opportunity of such Gentlemen as we
have thought proper to recommend as Directors of the
Bank in the room of those who are to go out: they
have not mentioned Roger Smith, who I think
would be a valuable addition to the Directorship:
& much more to be preferred than some of those who
are named: I wish you would mention him to W^m
Smith, & endeavour to forward his name with the
Directors. —

Pray present my best respects to W^m
Kear & Miss Peter for me, be assured of the esteem
of your sincere friend
J. G. Smith

J. G. Gumbel
Dec^r 14. 92

Respecting the extent
of R. P.'s discharge -