Dear Sir,

I did not receive your letter of the 3d Inst. in time to answer it by the last Post and I feel a difficulty in deciding what to do in the direction you make with respect to shelter. It appears to me it would be for the best to place him in a state of independence, he will not go any thing that is within my power to do for him and perhaps it might be better to leave him to his fate at once. That summer and the demand will come in from him by Mayor McCulloch which last and to get money will be little worth of 1770. After which affair he will have little hope of securing any part of that income he now has. I am at present and have but little hopes of it. It is true I have only a small capital to proceed from that I am doing with as little hopes as I have long had of the other. Allowing the childrace will be equally fatal to both. Hence we desire to leave equal to that which I should feel in losing my children. However I have not had much of this to comfort me.

Hasper however you must settle Bills obliged to. And then in the manner you mention it will not be long before he will be left to his own means.

Had rather you would not have doubtless made on my affairs, they have been so small. I would not do this until the last of April I would do nothing that I would give them the least cause to grumble. In the event with such business for my private use all the I should be glad the discretion you had pressed for payment.

To Burr Powell

Jan 1801

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