

Virginia, Albemarle County, 21st Feb^y 1791

Sir

In October 1790, I wrote to M^r Jefferson concerning my publick [sic] acc^{ts}. M^r Jefferson after communicating the matter to you wrote me on the subject that you suppos^d Philadelphia to be the place where alone my business could be settled, he also wrote me that you directed me to get my papers from M^r Hopkins who they were log^d with and forward them to [sic] at Philadelphia and you would put them in the necessary [sic] train for which I humbly thank __ [sic] I have since made application to M^r Hopkins for them but agreeable to directions of the late Board of Treasury he forwarded them to the Treasury of the united states [sic] in New york Now M^r Maddison [sic] I wish you to be so kind as to inform me in what manner I may come at them for I am reduc^d to so low an ebb by a long servitude to my Country that its out of my power to get to New york for during the late war I aided in every place I could when ever [sic] call^d on with any Muskett [sic] on my shoulder and at the raising of men I cheerfully threw in any mite and so on till I was call^d in to the staff department where I continued three years or nearly so till what little I had was quite exhausted I was then turned loose with a wife and a number of small children without bread meat or money I labour^d night and day for their support very cheerfully [sic] knowing that from a long tedious [sic] war things was not to be settled in a day and knowing things of a greater moment were before the Gentlemen in Congress but M^r Maddison I hope you will do some thing for me as I hope the Gentlemen will take that matter under their consideration being with Much Esteem your most Ob^t hum^b Serv^t

The honorable James Maddison Esq^r

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