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MR. SAMUEL BAYARD TO HON. WILLIAM BRADFORD.

London, 27 April 1795.

My Dear Sir: -

Having heard of an opportunity directly for Philadelphia I avail myself of it to send you a few pamphlets and inform you of our all being very hearty and happy. By the Molly I sent you sundry books and pamphlets which I trust have reached you by this time. No. 7 of Woodfall's Parliamentary debates I sent that you might have the much admired speech of the Bishop of Llandall, on the Duke of Bedford's Motion for negotiating with France, in its best dress, The No. of the Parliamentary debates published by Debrete, I sent that you might have Mr. Fox's Eulogy on our illustrious President, as nearly like the original as possible.

Since writing to you last I have Rec'd duplicates of the trial of Mr. Walker and Mr. Frost from Mr. Erskine, one copy of each of which I propose sending you by the present Opp'ty. By the Last I sent the paper which Mr. Walker published as an appendix to his trial. In a note from Mr. E. which accompanied these and several other pamphlets he suggests to me that his speech in favour of Mr. Frost is the one which of all his public addresses, pleases himself the best.

The "View of the relative situation of G. B. and the U. S." is from the pen of Mr. H. M. Bird, one of the Gent'n who have offered and

have entered security in behalf of the American Claimants in the cases under my charge. It was published soon after the orders of the 8 Jan'y 94. Before which however Mr. Bird was perhaps one of the most active men in effecting the revocation of the orders of the 6 Nov'r and in opening the eyes of Government to the consequences of a rupture with the U. States.

There is at present a very pretty pocket edition publishing of Hume's Hist, of Eng'd, with Smollett's continuation—of the best novelists (the English Classics) and of selections from the best poets. They appear in numbers of about 60 pages each price 6d unbound. the binding will cost I/ more. These or whatever else you or your friends may wish, it will always give us much pleasure to send you.

Acc'ts have just arrived of the capture of Grenada St. Vincents and Montserrat by the French—and have occasioned great alarm. Provisions are very high and no prospect of their being lower shortly—hence you observe mobs and insurrections in every part of the Kingdom. It has been suggested to me from a quarter I have no reason to suspect and that is of authority that all neutral vessels carrying provisions to France are to be brought into G. B. for the purpose of supplying this country with provisions and to distress France. The cargoes to be paid for by the Gov't We shall soon learn whether this be true.

Assure all our friends that we remember them

with the heartiest affection, and will write to some of them by a vessel that will leave London about the 10th of next month. In the interim we hope for some letters to answer. It is a long time since we have had a line from yourself and our good cousin.

I am my dear Sir,

Most aff'ly yours &c.

SAM'L BAYARD.

Honorable WM. BRADFORD, Esq.

MR. BOUDINOT TO HON. OLIVER WOLCOTT.

ELIZABETH TOWN May 23d 1795.

My DEAR SIR

I am just informed that Coll. Motte naval officer for the port of Charles Town in South Carolina has lately died, by which that Office has become vacant. Will you give me leave to recommend Mr. Charles Brown, the present collector of the Port of George Town as his Successor — Mr. Brown married a Relation of mine. the Daughter of the late Revd William Tennant decd, to whom the Revolution is much Indebted for his great Exertions in the Common Cause. Mr. Brown was an officer in the American Army almost during the whole war & continued in it till the very last — He suffered greatly in his property, by the active part he took agt the Common Enemy — I am informed that his Conduct as Collector of George Town has given universal satisfaction, and has fitted him to execute the

¹ Family papers.