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- 1771.—
Feb. 20. At Monticello.
- Mar. 14-16. At Albemarle, attending
County Court.
- 19-22. At Augusta, attending
County Court.
- Apr. 8. At "The Forrest"
(Charles City).
- Apr. 10- At Williamsburg,
May 11. attending General Court.
- May 17. At "The Forrest."
- May 21-24. At Augusta, attending
County Court.
- June 1. At Monticello.
- June 5. At Tuckahoe.
- June 9. At "The Forrest."
- June 11-13. At Williamsburg,
attending Court of Oyer
and Terminer.
- July 11. At "The Forrest."
- 15-20. At Williamsburg.
24. At "The Forrest."

- 25. At Tuckahoe.
- Aug. 3. At Monticello.
- 8-10. At Albemarle, attending
County Court.
- Aug. 20-23. At Augusta, attending
County Court.
- Aug. 30-1. At Tuckahoe.
- Sept. 7. At Monticello.
- Oct. 2. At Eppington.
- 8. At "The Forrest."
- 10. At Williamsburg,
attending General Court.
- Nov. 11. At "The Forrest."
- 14-16. At Albemarle, attending
County Court.
- 19-22. At Augusta, attending
County Court.
- Dec. 10. At Williamsburg,
attending Court of Oyer
and Terminer.
- 27-28. At Eppington.
- 1772.—Jan. At "The Forrest."
- 1. Marries Martha
(Waylies) Skelton.
- 25. At Monticello.
- Feb. 25. At Albemarle.
- Mar. 30. At Shadwell.
- May 19. At Charlottesville.
- 28. At Eppington.
- June 1. At "The Forrest."
- 11. At Williamsburg.

23.		At "The Forrest."
July	15-	At Monticello.
Aug. 20.		
Sept. 27.		At Monticello.
		His first daughter, Martha, born.
Nov. 4.		At "The Forrest."
12.		At Monticello.
Dec. 5.		At Rocky Ridge.
19.		At Richmond.
1773.—		
Feb. 25.		At Albemarle.
		At Williamsburg,
Mar. 4.		attending House of Burgesses.
12-13.		Attends Committee of Correspondence.
15.		House of Burgesses dissolved.
Apr. 6.		Attends Committee of Correspondence.
May 19.		At Charlottesville.
25-28.		At Williamsburg, attending Committee of Correspondence.
Oct. 14.		Appointed Surveyor of Albemarle Co.
1774.—		
Mar.-Apr.		At Monticello.
Apr. 3.		His second daughter, Jane Randolph, born.
May 9.		At Williamsburg,

- attending House of
Burgesses.
24. Petitions House of
Burgesses.
- Resolutions for Fast.
26. House of Burgesses
dissolved.
- May 27. Signs Association.
30. Attends meeting of
members.
- June. At Monticello.
Recommends Fast.
- July. At Monticello.
26. Drafts Resolutions of
Albemarle Co.
Writes "A Summary
View."
Starts for Williamsburg,
but is taken sick.
- Aug. 3. At Monticello.
- Oct.-Dec. At Monticello.
- 1775.—Jan. At Monticello.
5. Elected member of
Albemarle Committee of
Safety.
- Feb. 27. At Monticello.
- Mar. 10. At Monticello.
20. At Richmond, attending
Convention.
23. On Committee for
defence of colony.

24. Makes motion relative to New York Assembly.
27. Offers resolution on Crown lands.
On Committee on Crown lands.
Elected deputy delegate to Continental Congress.
27. Convention dissolves.
At Williamsburg, attending House of Burgesses.
- June 1. 2. On Committee to draft address to governor.
5. On Committee to inspect public stores.
10. Drafts address to Dunmore.
11. Leaves Williamsburg.
20. Arrives at Philadelphia.
21. Attends Continental Congress.
Added to Committee to draft Declaration on Arming.
Prepares draft.
- July 21. On Committee to report on Lord North's motion.
31. Reports draft of reply.
Congress adjourns.
Leaves Philadelphia.
- Aug. 9. At Richmond, attending

- Virginia Convention.
- On Committee on Crown lands.
11. Re-elected a member of Continental Congress.
16. On Committee on defence.
- Granted leave of absence for session.
17. On Committee to examine ballots.
19. At Williamsburg.
- Sept. 25. At Monticello.
- Leaves Monticello.
- Oct. 1. Arrives at Philadelphia.
- Oct. 2. Attends Continental Congress.
17. On Committee on Pa.-Conn. land dispute.
- Nov. 16. On Committee on Massachusetts papers.
- 1775.—
Nov. 23. On Committee on Currency.
24. On Committee on condition of North Carolina.
- On Committee on Petition of Newton.
- Dec. 2. Makes resolution concerning Ethan Allan.
8. On Committee on Petition of Hudson.

11. On Committee on
Petition of Beveredge.
13. On Committee on
Committee of Congress.
15. Prepares rules for
Committee of Congress.
16. On Committee on
Petition of Phila.
merchants.
18. On Committee on Letters
of Schuyler.
22. On Committee on
Business of Congress.
28. Leaves Philadelphia for
Virginia.
- 1776.—Jan.
2. At Bushtown.
3. At Baltimore.
4. At Upper Marlboro.
5. At Piscataway.
7. At Fredericksburg.
9. At Monticello.
- Mar. 31. Mother dies.
- May 7. Leaves Monticello.
8. At Orange Court-House
and Culpeper Court-
House.
9. At Fairfax Court-House
and Red House.
10. At Lacys, Leesburgh, and
Knowlands on Potomac.
11. At Fredericktown and

- Tawneytown.
12. At Rhengher and Wright's ferriage (Susquehannah).
 13. At Lancaster.
 14. At Chester and Philadelphia.
Lodges at "Randolphs."
Attends Congress.
On Committee on Letters.
 21. Drafts report of Committee.
On Committee to address foreign mercenaries.
 23. Takes lodgings at Mrs. Graafs.
 28. On Committee to prepare address.
 - June ? Drafts Constitution for Virginia.
 5. On Committee for preventing news and supplies for enemy.
 10. On Committee to prepare rules for Congress.
 - 1776.—
June 11. On Committee to prepare Declaration of Independence.
 15. On Committee to investigate Cedars' cartel.

17. Drafts report of
Committee.
20. Re-elected member of
Congress.
Drafts report on Canada.
28. Reports draft of
Declaration.
- July 4. Declaration adopted.
On Committee to plan
seal of U. S.
6. On Committee on Indian
affairs.
10. Committee to prepare
rules of Congress report.
11. On Committee on
Philadelphia prisoners.
15. On Committee on Flying
Camp.
17. On Committee to revise
journals.
18. On Committee on
Letters.
24. On Committee on Gold
and Silver coins.
25. On Committee on
Memorial of Parsons.
- ? Moves for rotation of
Congress.
- ? Requests Virginia
Convention to allow his
return.
- Aug. 9. On Committee to
encourage Hessians to

- desert.
14. Committee reports.
20. On Committee on
Washington's letter.
- On Committee on
captures.
21. On Committee to revise
resolutions.
26. On Committee on
Wilson's letter.
- Drafts report.
28. Moves resolution in
regard to Drummond.
- Sept. 2. Leaves Philadelphia.
4. At Whitehouse and
Lancaster.
5. At Wright's ferry and
York.
6. At Tawneytown and
Frederic.
7. At Leesburgh.
8. At Red House.
9. At Monticello.
26. Elected Commissioner to
France.
27. Leaves Monticello.
- Oct. 1. At Williamsburg.
6. At "Coles."
8. At "Bassetts."
11. At Williamsburg.
Attends Assembly.
- 1776.— On Committee on

- Oct. 11. Propositions and Grievances.
On Committee on Privileges and Elections.
On Committee on Religion.
On Committee to draft Militia bill.
On Committee to draft Tobacco bill.
12. Receives thanks of Assembly.
On Committee to draft bill ending entails.
On Committee to draft repeal of frontier ordinance.
14. On Committee to draft bill to remove seat of government.
On Committee to draft Naturalization bill.
Entail bill introduced.
15. On Committee to draft Infantry bill.
16. On Committee to draft bill dividing Fincastle Co.
On Committee to draft Punishment bill.
Reports on Ross.
18. Leave of absence granted by Assembly.
Entail bill amended.

19. Reports on Corbin.
25. Reports on Garland and Barber.
On Committee to draft Courts bill.
28. On Committee to draft bill defining treason.
On Committee to draft bill dividing Augusta Co.
Introduces Infantry bill.
- Nov. 2. Reports on Goodrich.
On Committee to draft
4. bill dissolving local governments.
5. Bill to establish County Courts introduced.
On Committee to report on Va.-Pa. boundaries.
Bill for trial of certain offences introduced.
6. Chosen one of five to revise laws.
7. On Committee to draft Copper-coinage bill.
11. Introduces bill to remove capital.
12. On Committee to confer with Senate.
13. On Committee to draft restraining bill.
- 1776.—
Nov. 19. On Committee to draft bill suspending tithes.
28. Reports on Upshur.

- Dec. 4. On Committee to draft bill to punish certain offences.
6. On Committee to draft bill for loan office.
Bill for suspending debt executions introduced.
14. Leaves Williamsburg.
25-31. At Monticello.
- 1777.—Jan. 1-10. At Monticello.
13-16. At Fredericksburg.
Attends meeting of "Revisors."
17. At Orange Court-House.
Mar. 10. At Monticello.
Apr. 1-19. At Monticello.
May 4. Leaves Monticello.
5. Arrives at Williamsburg.
Attends Assembly.
9. On Committee on Religion.
On Committee on Privileges and Elections.
On Committee on Courts of Justice.
10. Reports bill regulating militia.
12. Reports bill for electing Congress delegates.
20. Granted leave of absence for session.

22. At Richmond.
28. At Monticello.
Son born.
- June 14. Son dies.
18. At Bedford.
23. At Cumberland Court-
House.
- July 6. At Monticello.
24. At Monticello.
- Aug. 21. At Monticello.
- Oct. 20. At "Charlton's."
24. At "Cowles."
30. At Williamsburg.
Attends Assembly.
On Committee on
Religion.
On Committee on
Privileges and Elections.
On Committee of
Propositions and
Grievances.
- 1777.—
Oct. 30. On Committee of Courts
of Justice.
On Committee to draft
Court of Appeals bill.
On Committee to draft
General Court bill
On Committee to draft
Chancery Court bill.
- Nov. 5. Leave of Absence
granted.
On Committee Petition of

- Vanbibber.
On Committee on
Forestalling.
28. On Committee to amend
Militia bill.
- Dec. 1. On Committee to confer
with Senate.
4. Prepares reply to
Senate.
On Committee on Army
bill.
5. On Committee on Losses
of Norfolk.
6. At Charles City.
9. At Williamsburg.
Attends Assembly.
Reports answer to
Senate.
10. At Cowles Ferry.
12. At Williamsburg.
Attends Assembly.
13. On Committee to draft
Tax bill.
16. On Committee to draft
Salary bill.
On Committee to draft
bill legalizing certain acts.
17. On Committee to draft
bill dividing Counties.
19. On Committee to draft
bill granting Letters of
Marque.

24. On Committee to draft
County Court bill.
27. On Committee to draft
bill granting powers to
contractors.
- On Committee to amend
Small-Pox bill.
- 1778.—Jan. On Committee to
2. prepare Answer to Senate.
3. Granted leave of
absence.
9. Reports Answer to
Senate.
12. On Committee to confer
with Senate.
13. On Committee to draft
Sequestration bill.
- On Committee to report
on Loyauté.
20. On Committee to draft
Chancery Court bill.
24. Assembly adjourns.
- Feb. 26-28. At Monticello.
- Mar. 2-14. At Monticello.
- 1778.—Apr.
8. At Williamsburg.
- May 12. At Williamsburg.
Attends Assembly.
13. On Committee on
Privileges and Elections.
- On Committee on
Propositions and
Grievances.

- Reports bill granting Pardon.
14. On Committee on Norfolk Losses.
15. On Committee to draft Cavalry bill.
On Committee to draft Volunteer bill.
16. On Committee on Recruiting bill.
18. On Committee to draft bill for Recovery of Debts.
On Committee to draft bill for Foreign Correspondence.
19. On Committee to draft bill giving appointing power to Chancery Court.
20. On Committee to draft bill relating to Town of Bath.
26. On Committee to draft bill enforcing attendance of Assemblymen.
28. On Committee to consider Oyer and Terminer Court bill.
On Committee to draft Salt bill.
- Reports bill to attain Philips.
- June 1. Assembly adjourns.
- June 10. Leaves Williamsburg.

July 19. At Monticello.
 Aug. 1. Third daughter born
 (Mary Jefferson).
 Sept. 12. At Monticello.
 Oct. 7. Ordered into Custody of
 Sergeant at Arms of
 Assembly.
 Oct. 12- At Monticello.
 Nov. 4.
 Nov. 22. At Tuckahoe.
 29. At Cowles.
 30. At Williamsburg.
 Attends Assembly in
 custody of Sergeant at
 Arms.
 Dec. 1. On Committee to draft
 bill establishing Auditors.
 3. On Committee on
 Privileges and Elections.
 On Committee on
 Propositions and
 Grievances.
 5. On Committee to draft
 Court of Appeals bill.
 1778.— On Committee to draft
 Dec. 8. Pay-bill of Assembly.
 12. Ordered into Custody of
 Sergeant at Arms of
 Assembly.
 14. Attends Assembly in
 custody of Sergeant at
 Arms.
 15. On Committee to draft

- bill agreeable to resolution
of Assembly.
18. Reports bill to prevent
Forestalling.
19. Assembly adjourns.
- 1779.—Jan.
22. At Williamsburg.
- Feb. 2. At Williamsburg.
Attends Meeting of
“Revisors.”
- Mar. 1. At “The Forrest.”
27. At Monticello.
- Apr. 21-29. At Monticello.
- May 8. At Williamsburg.
Attends Assembly.
On Committee on
Privileges and Elections.
On Committee on
Propositions and
Grievances.
11. On Committee to draft
Board of War bill.
On Committee to draft
Board of Trade bill.
On Committee to draft
Money bill.
On Committee to draft
Land Office bill.
13. On Committee to draft
Militia bill.
14. On Committee to draft
Militia Supply bill.

15. On Committee to draft Congressional Delegate bill.
19. On Committee to draft Foreign Exchange bill.
25. On Committee to draft Spottsylvania County bill.
On Committee to amend Congressional Delegate bill.
On Committee to draft Counterfeit bill.
27. Reports Escheat bill.
Ordered to draft bill for paying Members of Assembly.
On Committee to draft bill for removing Capital.
29. Ordered to draft bill prescribing Oaths.
- 1779.—
May. 29. Ordered to draft bill suspending Oaths in certain cases.
31. On Committee to report on Maryland's action on Confederation.
- June 1. Elected Governor of Virginia.
13. Bill for Religious freedom introduced in Assembly.
18. "Revisors" report Code to Assembly.

July 1. Issues proclamation
concerning Escheats.
17. At "The Forrest."
25. At Williamsburg.
Aug. 4. At Monticello.
Sept. 25. At Williamsburg.
Nov. 30. Issues Proclamation
laying Embargo.

CORRESPONDENCE And MISCELLANEOUS WRITINGS

1760-1774 (Continued)

1771

To Thomas Adams^{Ref. 001}

Monticello, Feb. 20, 1771.

Dear Sir,

—Not expecting to have the pleasure of seeing you again before you leave the country, I inclose you an order on the inspectors at Shockoe for two hhds of tobo. which I consign to you, and give you also the trouble of shipping as I am too far from the spot to do it myself. They are to be laid out in the purchase of the articles on the back hereof. You will observe that part of these articles (such as are licensed by the association) are to be sent at any event. Another part (being prohibited) are only to be sent if the tea act should be repealed before you get home; if it is not, you will observe a third class to be sent instead of those which are prohibited. I am not without expectation that the repeal may take place. I believe the parliament want nothing but a colorable motive to adopt this measure. The conduct of our brethren of New York affords them this. You will observe by my invoice that I have supposed my tobo. to

clear me £50. sterl. per hhd; should it be less, dock the invoice of such articles as you think I may get in the country.—In consequence of your recommendation I wrote to Waller last June for £45 sterl. worth of books inclosing him a bill of exchange to that amount. Having written to Benson Pearson for another parcel of nearly the same amount, I directed him to purchase them also of Waller. I acquainted both of the necessity of my situation brought on by the unlucky loss of my library, and pressed them most earnestly to lose not a day in sending them; yet I have heard not a tittle from either gentlemen.—I mentioned to you that I had become one of several securities for a gentleman of my acquaintance lately engaged in trade. I hope and indeed hear he is doing very well; I would not therefore take any step to wound his credit; but as far as it can possibly be done without affecting that, I must beg you to have me secured. It can surely do no mischief to see that his remittances are placed to the credit of the money for which we stand engaged, and not of any new importations of goods made afterwards. I must rely entirely on your friendly assistance in the matter, which I assure you gives me concern, as should my friend prove unsuccessful, (and ill foe. may render any person unsuccessful,) it might sweep away the whole of my little fortune.—I must once more trouble you for my friend Ogilvie. The commissary promised to write in his favor to the bishop by Neeks. I did not see his letter, and with this gentleman I believe no farther than I see. I wrote by the same opportunity to Ogilvie and apprised him of the commissary's engagement. Should your route to the ship be thro' Wms.burgh I would trouble you to know whether he has in truth written or not. The inclosed letter to Ogilvie you will please to deliver with our most earnest advice that he lose not a day in coming over.—One farther favor and I am done; to search the Herald's office for the arms of my family. I have what I have been told were the family arms, but on what authority I

know not. It is possible there may be none. If so, I would with your assistance become a purchaser, having Sterne's word for it that a coat of arms may be purchased as cheap as any other coat.—The things I have desired you to purchase for me I would beg you to hasten, particularly the Clavichord, which I have directed to be purchased in Hamburgh, because they are better made there, and much cheaper. Leave me a line before you go away with instructions how to direct to you.

To James Ogilvie^{Ref. 002}

Monticello, Feb. 20, 1771.

Dear Ogilvie,

—I wrote you a line from Wmsburgh last October; but lest that may have miscarried I take this oppty of repeating what was material in that. On receipt of your letter (and, oh shame! of your only letter) of March 28, 1770, which came not to hand till August we took proper measures for prevailing on the commissary to withdraw his opposition. But lest you should be uneasy in your situation in the mean time I directed mr T. Adams by the means of his partners Perkins and Brown to let you know they would answer any calls from you. In this your friend mr Walker insisted on joining me. In October I transmitted to the commissary a certificate of your conduct in life, on which he promised to write in your favor by Neeks, and tho I did not see the letter I expect he did. By the same oppty I wrote to you inclosing a duplicate of the certificate of which you might avail yourself if the commissary should fail us again. About the same time I wrote from Wmsburgh to a gentleman of the vestry in Orange to secure for you a vacancy which had happened in that parish by the death of Martin. I have had no answer, but the parish is still vacant, which gives me hopes it is kept for you. Mr Maury incumbent in

Fredericksville parish (of which I was when you were here) has a tempting offer from another quarter. I know not whether he will accept of it. If he should we shall do for you all that can be done in your absence. But for god's sake let not that be a moment longer than is of absolute necessity. Your settlement here would make your friends happy, & I think would be agreeable to yourself. Your Dulcinea is in health. Her brother T. Strachan is settled with Y. Walker for life. Another reason for her and you to wish for a residence with us. He is wishing to take to himself a wife; and nothing obstructs it but the unfeeling temper of a parent who delays, perhaps refuses to approve her daughter's choice. I too am in that way; and have still greater difficulties to encounter not from the forwardness of parents, nor perhaps want of feeling in the fair one, but from other causes as unpliant to my wishes as these. Since you left us I was unlucky enough to lose the house in which we lived, and in which all it's contents were consumed. A very few books, two or three beds &c were with difficulty saved from the flames. I have lately removed to the mountain from whence this is dated, and with which you are not unacquainted. I have here but one room, which, like the cobblers, serves me for parlour for kitchen and hall. I may add, for bedchamber and study too. My friends sometimes take a temperate dinner with me and then retire to look for beds elsewhere. I have hope however of getting more elbow room this summer. But be this as may happen, whether my tenements be great or small, homely or elegant they will always receive you with a hearty welcome. If any thing should obstruct your setting out immediately for Virginia I would beg the favor of you to send the things I asked of you to purchase by some careful captain coming on James river. Such of them as were for my buildings, or for house keeping I am particularly in want of. Nothing material occurs relative to the health and fortunes of your friends here. They are well in both as far as I can recollect

them. I conclude my epistle with every wish for your felicity which friendship can inspire. Adieu and believe me to be yours sincerely,

“Inscription For An African Slave”^{Ref. 003}

1771.

Shores there are, bless'd shores for us remain, And favor'd isles with golden fruitage crown's Where tufted flow'rets paint the verdant plain, Where ev'ry breeze shall med'cine every wound. There the stern tyrant that embitters life, Shall vainly suppliant, spread his asking hand; There shall we view the billow's raging strife, Aid the kind breast, and waft his boat to land.

Agreement With John Randolph^{Ref. 004}

April 11th, 1771.

It is agreed between John Randolph, Esq., of the city of Williamsburg, and Thomas Jefferson, of the County of Albemarle, that in case the said John shall survive the said Thomas, that the Exr's or Adm'rs of the said Thomas shall deliver to the said John 800 pounds sterling of the books of the said Thomas, to be chosen by the said John or if not books sufficient, the deficiency to be made up in money: And in case the said Thomas should survive the said John, that the Executors of the said John shall deliver to the said Thomas the violin which the said John brought with him into Virginia, together with all his music composed for the violin, or in lieu thereof, if destroyed by any accident, 60 pounds sterling worth of books of the said John, to be chosen by the said Thomas. In witness thereof the said John and Thomas have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed their seals the day and year above written.

John Randolph (L. S.)