Meadow Garden, 30th July, 1801.

My dear Sir,

I have this moment received your letter of the 13th of the present month, and rejoice to hear of your good health and spirits; and it will be wise in you always to try to preserve both. I think, my son, you have some cause of complaint in my having sent you so far from me, and not to have written to you for so long a time; but you ought on your part to make some allowance. You know how much I am from home, generally; and the present year it has been worse. After the Circuit was over, I had to attend at Louisville about our University; and there I was appointed one of a Committee to go away up to Jackson County, before a place for building it; and afterwards to go about and contract for building: what have rarely been at home a fortnight together since you left us.

It is said to be very healthy about this place, although several have died. Among these are Mrs. Gardiner and Mrs. Turpin; the first of convulsions, the latter of consumption.

I expect your brother up in the next stage; he wrote me that he had written to you twice already. You may now calculate upon receiving a letter from one of us every week, or two at farthest.

The weather soon got well, and has agreeably with the negroes, commanding them with due authority.
city at the same time, column 4, garden, reserve,
half a bush, and a reservoir before. Twenty acres of
excellent land, and ninety of the best cotton.
Your mother is entirely well, and desires her
best love to you; and joins also in our respectful
compliments to Aunt Walton, and other friends.

Will give orders to it; know about your com-
mmands.

God help you. May dear son, may He bless you
in health and spirits, and inspire you with the
love of learning.

Your affectionate father,
Geo. Walton.
To
Marlins

George Walton, junior,
Hampden-Tory,
Prince-Edward,
Virginia

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