

Beverley Robinson to George Washington, April 16, 1758, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.

FROM BEVERLY ROBINSON, ESQ.

NEW YORK 16th. Apr 1758

DEAR SIR/ Your favour of the 5th. Instant came to hand last Night by ye. Post, Inclosing a Letter for Mr. Richard Washington¹ in London Wch shall be taken care of and forwarded by the Earl of Halifax Packet, Captn Rand who it is imagined will sail soon.

The York Bill you Inclosed will over pay the postage of your Letter, there being no Charge paid on Letters sent from this by ye. Packets to England, so that all ye. Expence Attending your Letter is ye. postage from Fort Loudoun here. Sr. Charles Hardy is off Louisburgh with 8 or 9 Sail of ye. Line, & hope he will be able to prevent any succours getting into that place.

Mrs. Robinson & family are very well & Desire their Compts. to you as does Mr. & Mrs. Morris² and your Most Oblidg. Hble. Servt.

BEV: ROBINSON

1 To Mr. Richd Washington, London. DEAR SIR,—Captain Whiting is arrived & my Letters by him are come to hand, but not the Goods: the latter I apprehend is in bad order as I understand the Captn. entered a protest immediately upon his arrival. The Locks and Hinges I fear are slight if I am to judge from their sizes and price. The sword pr. Captn. Nicholson I have received. The Inclosed is a Bill of Excha. for £100 Sterlg. 60 of wch. ye Cash is received must go to the Credit of Lord Fairfax. Mr. Carlyle will send the others of the same Tenor and write fully on the matter. I lodged the other day £72—10s with Fielding Lewis Esqre. to buy me a Bill of £50. and

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hope you will receive that also in a very short time as he had hopes of purchasing of Mr. Hunter upon Lyde of London. You will perhaps think me a crazy fellow to be ordering and Countermanding Goods almost in a breath. It was but the 18th Ulto. from Williamsburg that I wrote you via Bristol, advising the arrival of my Goods pr. Captn. Dick & desiring you would desist sending me the China wrote for in a Letter of the 8th Jany. and in lieu thereof to send me a compleat sett of Horse Furniture I must here beg you will forbear sending either as I am now provided with the latter but dispatch the following things by the first ship bound to any part of Virginia (viz) A Compleat hunting saddle & Bridle with two neat Saddle Cloths to cost 40/. the whole.—As much of ye. best superfine Blue Cotton Velvet as will make a Coat Waistcoat & Breeches for a Tall Man with a fine silk button to suit it & all other necessary Trimmings & Linings together with Garters for the Breeches.—Six pair of the very neatest shoes (viz) 2 pr double Channel Pumps—2 pair turned Ditto & 2 pr. Stitched Shoes to be made by one Didsbury on Colo. Beilars last but to be a little wider over the Instep.—Six pair Gloves, 3 pr. of Wch. to be proper for Riding & not to have stiff Tops, ye whole larger than ye. middle size. — I shoud. be extreamely glad to have the above things in as soon as possible. If they go either to - York or James River, Recommend the Package to Peyton Randolph Esqre. Attorney Genl. Williamsburg and he will see that they are forwarded—This Letter is intended to go by the Packet from New York, and the Post is just setting out for that place which prevents my adding more than that I am Dear Sir, with great truth and Sincerity yr. most obedt. & Affect. Hble. Servt.—Go WASHINGTON/Winchester 5th April 1758/P. S. You are pleased to Dub me with a Title I have no Pretensions to—that is—Ye. Honble. — 2 Who as Mary Philipse, we remember, had held the heart of our Virginia colonel.