

**John Patterson to George Washington, June 17, 1758,
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FROM MR. JOHN PATTERSON.

June ye. 17th: 1758

HONOURABLE SR.

I return you thanks, for Complying with my requests & hope to give content for your goodness—I shall take ye. Roof off ye. House,¹ as soon as ye. Carpenters gets ye. Laths for to shingle on; having ye. chief of ye. Work fream'd at this Instant, I shall want two inch plank for to Cover ye. Balustrade, & am of Opinion that Pine, is before Oak for that purpose. But if you think proper to have ye. Latter, ye. Carpenters can get it. Likewise its requisite ye. weatherboarding that is up, & will be, had a coat of Paynt, for which I spoke to Mr. Washington & he desir'd I would make Uce of ye. red Paynt, when Oyle was got; ye. sooner ye. better that ye. Work may not suffer. The sd. Genl. desir'd I woold write, what Mr. Possey Kitchen amounted to, ye. Value whereof being fourteen Pound. And ye. other work View'd by Mr. Adams Six. Depend Sir on my deligence to forward ye. Work, & will stick to it early & laite til finish'd; & shall allways make it my study to please & serve a Gent. that has done me such a singular piece of Service I remain Honrble. Sir with ye. greatest respect Your Honours Most

Oblig'd, Most Humble Servt. JOHN PATTERSON.²

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P. S Sr. please to send ye. Walnut plank with ye. Oyles, The Demensions is 6 feet long by
lf: 6 In Broad & 6 In thick.

1 At Mount Vernon.

2 From Washington's ledger it appears that John Patterson was engaged in this work, as overseer, from
December 20, 2757, to September 25, 2759, for which he received £335. 0. 5. This included supplies.