

**James Balfour to George Washington, May 10, 1772,
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FROM MR. JAMES BALFOUR. ¹

WMS.BURG May 10th. 1772—

SIR,

A Power of Attorney has just come to hand from the heir of Magdalen Stott, who claims under the Will of Thos. Colvill decd. by virtue of the inclos'd paragraph of his Will²—

I shall be extremely Oblig'd to you to drop me a line of information as I am perfectly unacquainted in this affair—what steps I ought to take in behalf of the Claimant, and whether any Money on Account of the Residuary Legatees have ever been remitted to London—or what this Claimant has a prospect to expect—or rather I mean what will be the Sum that the Residuary Legatees may expect, or any other information you think necessary to enable me to fulfill the trust reposed in me—

Pardon me for this trouble and permit me to remain with respect Your ob Sert

JAMES BALFOUR N B Please to mention what Claimants have offerd as Stotts heir desires to know

¹ Of Hampton, Elizabeth City County, father of Dr. George Balfour, U. S. A., who “braved the perils of the west under the gallant Wayne, who, at a subsequent period, on Presque Isle, breathed his last in his arms.”

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2 See letter from Dr. Boucher dated May 9, 1771, ante.