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FROM MR. JAMES CLEVELAND. ¹

February ye 13 - 1775

SIR)

I arrive'd home on Saturday Night ye 11th of the Said instant but with much Difficulty being taken very ill with the Slow Fever ye 7 of the Month and am worse since I came home and may Probably not be able to come to you for Some time

when I got over I found nothing purchas'd and I found it hard to get the commoditys on any terms I roed twelve or thirteen Days before I bought one individual and in this time I got intilgence of some I bougt the Corn and Bacon that you directed at least near the quantity but the greater Part of the Corn at 5 S per bushell the Bacon at 8 d per lb also 3 and ½ # bushels salt at 17 S3 6 d per bushel one Pair of Hand Mill Stones at 20 S Casks agreed for to put the Corn and Salt in and Part of them Deliver'd and I laid all in at Gilber Simpsons; Concerning Mr Vauld Crofford the nails and tools that you gave me an accompt of that is there I could not get mov'd the going being so bad that nobody would engage to do it at that time² Major Crofford is to have it done without fail one Coat two westcoats and 3 one Pair of Stockings Breeches not to be found Major Croffod has under taken to prepare the other things by the time they will be wanting without fail; Craft enough to carry the war[e]s having several ready made by him ten axes and four Mattocks and Irons for

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the Hand Mill Mr. Crofford having a plenty of Iron in Store is very glad to serve you the two Servants he is willing to give up Mr. Vaulentine Crofford chuses to keep his. Major M. Culluks Bond I have taken up and delivered as directed³

I am your Hble. Servt JAMES CLEVELAND NB I received four half Joes of Vaulentine Crofford and three half Joes one thirty Shillin bill and three Dollars of Major Crofford he has referd perticulars to me that I cannot relate at present Sir,

just as I had Seald the Letter Cap Rugel Sent Me Wourd that he Should Not brack up the Garrason Tho he has orders From Lord Dunmore Near Six Weackes so that you May Not Depend on My gitting the things I Rote you I had the Promis of he is a gwine to send to the Congress about it As the Indances does Not Seem SattesFied But I had rather Run the Chance of being Scart then to have so Many Scuuling in the Woods if they We are gone the game would Soon return again so I Conclud yours to Comand

JAMES CLEVELAND

1 Employed by Washington as manager of his business on the Ohio, January 10, 1775, and instructed to proceed with servants, necessary provisions, and tools, to settle a tract on the Great Kanawha of 10,990 acres. Owing to the illness of James Cleveland, the charge was in March intrusted to William Stevens, but was resumed by Cleveland in April of the same year.

2 "If Mr Simpson has not already moved all the Tools, and necessarys which were carried out for me last spring, from Valo. Crawford's, let it be done as soon as you get out."—Washington's Instructions for Mr. James Cleveland.

3 "As I am told that there are three of the servants which I sent out last spring still at Mr. Valo. Crawford's, and his Brother Captain Crawford's, ready to be employed in my service; you may direct them to stay where they are, and be ready again the 15th. of March, or if Gilbert Simpson wants hands for my mill work, let them be employed (instead of hir[e]llings) there till the 15th. of March aforesaid. --- "As the rest of the servants were sold, and the money by this time become due I have desired Mr. Valo. Crawford if he has received it, to pay it to you, and if he has not to let you have the purchasers bonds, which give to Mr Simpson, and desire him to Collect the money and Apply it towards Payment of the mill Accounts."—Instructions for Mr. James Cleveland.