

*Correspondence*  
*of*  
*Francis Lightfoot Lee*  
*1768-1796*

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## Summary of Research

During the course of my internship with The Menokin Foundation, I researched various topics, including: information on the construction of Menokin, the Tayloe family in relation to the Lees and Menokin, slaves at Menokin, the Rappahannock Indians' connection with the Menokin property, and Francis Lightfoot Lee's correspondence.

Although unable to discover the location of the quarry which provided the stones that were used to build Menokin, I was able to find information on the Tayloe family and its involvement with Menokin. This information is located at the Virginia Historical Society in Laura Kroghan Kamoie's doctoral thesis entitled, "Three Generations of Planter-Businessmen: The Tayloes, Slave Labor, and Entrepreneurialism in Virginia, 1710-1830." My notes included in this report provide various facts about the Tayloe family that may be of importance to Menokin. These include the way in which John Tayloe III managed his plantations, including Menokin, after the Lees' death in 1797; the way in which the Tayloe family's slaves were employed; the presence of a mill on Menokin property used in agriculture; and the names of the overseers at Menokin between the years 1800 to 1807.

While researching the names of the slaves who worked at Menokin, I came upon John Tayloe III's Inventory Book from 1808 and 1809 at the Virginia Historical Society. Although this is after the date Francis Lightfoot Lee lived at Menokin, these records are still of importance. I have included a transcribed copy of this information, as well as the original documents, in this report.

My investigation into the claim that a Rappahannock Indian dancing ground was located on Menokin property showed that, according to the latitude and longitude given in Thomas Hoskins Warner's "History of Old Rappahannock County Virginia, 1656-1692," the dancing ground is actually located across Cat Point Creek on Heritage Resort property. However, Warner's book does give support for the presence of a Rappahannock Indian village on Menokin's property.

The major research project I undertook during the course of my internship was the transcription of Francis Lightfoot Lee's correspondence in the Virginia Historical

Society's holdings. I transcribed twenty-six letters whose addressees included Colonel Landon Carter, William Lee, Edward Browne, and others; I plan to continue to research and locate letters to and from Francis Lightfoot Lee once I return to Yale University.

While searching for information on Francis Lightfoot Lee at the Jessie Ball Dupont Library at Stratford Hall, I came upon the previous research of Jeanne A. Calhoun, former Director of Research and Education for Stratford Hall. Included in her research on Lighthorse Harry Lee were a few notes on Francis Lightfoot Lee, which I have included in this report.

It is my belief that a great deal more can be learned from the correspondence of Francis Lightfoot Lee when read in its historical context. Thus, it is my intention, beginning in September 2003, to examine these letters critically, offering my own interpretations, in order to produce a more complete view of Francis Lightfoot Lee's character and the times in which he lived so that we may gain the full historical benefit from his correspondence.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**Francis Lightfoot Lee to Edward Browne, November 29, 1775**

Philadelphia Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> 1775

Dear Sir,

Dec 11. 1775

This Letter I hope will find you perfectly recover'd from your Virginia fever, & the fatigues of the voyage. I have not been in Virg'a. since we parted, & have not been able to hear anything of your affairs. while the present distractions continue you will not expect I dare say to receive much in the remittance way. however I have written to Esq. Lee to push your principal creditors, & remit what he can get from them. I have paid Doctor Fauntleroy acct here, for which I have drawn on Mr. Lee. As the difference between the Ministry, & America is not likely soon to be settled, I supp[o]se the price of tob'o. will be high in London this winter, by which means you will make a saving voyage. If you can find an opportunity, shall be glad to receive acc't. sales & acct current. Is it high treason to correspond upon mercantile business? poor old England how is it degraded! you will see the news in the public papers. Mr. Lee joins me in wishing you & our friends on Tower Hill, health & happiness.

Francis Light: Lee

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**Francis Lightfoot Lee to Landon Carter, April 9, 1770**

My dear Colonel,

I shou'd have answer'd your kind inquiry [ye]sterday, but my servant being out of the way no messenger is to be had here, Mr. Tayloe has been much plagued with a [pain in] the jaw & swell'd face, is much easier today, this [illegible] of weather agrees very badly with me, tho I quickly got well the little cold I catched at the christening, I have since got another [illegible] it is on the decline. dont you think the severity of the Spring sicklyness of the people will make crops very precarious plants on the other side of the River are killed with last [illegible] day's frost The Esq'r I see has pickt up a great deal of intelligence old & new but does not m[en]tion from whence, the parts indeed are pretty well fitted to the Characters which as you say, gives the whole an air of proba-[bi]lity. It has always been evident that abilities of what [litt]le virtue remains in England have been with the minority - the public purse in the other seale. I fear will preponderate [illegible] never think that the collecting the duty (laid for the [s]ole purpose of raising a revenue) in England or the Colonies [m]akes any difference with regard to American claims, for since the Parliament of G.B. in the first place obliges us to take from them what we consider as the conveniences, & necessaries [of] Life, if we have them at all, then to lay a duty upon them is equally a tax, collected in Britain or America, in either [ca]se it is optional in us to take them, in either case we [pa]y a tax not laid by our representaves for the sole purpose [illegible] raising, I'm in a hurry to wait upon a Lady adieu Dr Sir  
April 9.<sup>th</sup> 1770

Francis Light: Lee

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## Francis Lightfoot Lee to Landon Carter, April 2, 1775

My dear Col.

In the case you have put I veryly believe I should be satisfied with my neighbour's suspension and content with my quiet possession should consider it as a taut confession of his want of right. At the same time it wou'd make me carefull of my little papers and cautious to have my evidence perpetuated as fas as possible. In the present case a repeal, unaccompanied with a candid acknowledgement of want of right, wou'd convince only the Judicious, that a want of power was the only motive of action; The multitude wou'd be apt to sink into a fatal security in wch they wou'd be displeas'd to be undeceived: This wou'd be the most happy state for the Ministry to exercise all their arts of curruption & deception, which, no doubt will be the next method, & which I have always fear'd. on the other hand a suspension will keep the suspicion of every one awake, and he will be consider'd a true patriot instead of a disturber of the public repose, who shall watch every invidious step, and point out the consequences to his country; as well as to warn this against the unprovided state, on which we have at present found ourselves. for this reason I cant help vieuing this pretty little scheme of the junto [junta] as the happy effect of the Genius of America, the Asylum elect of Liberty, however the affair is of the utmost consequence, & out to be view'd in every light, and investigated in all its consequences; for which purpose no one is better qualified than Col. Carter Teste his friend & h'ble Ser.

Francis Light: Lee

Apl 2. 1775

My cold is very little better

Menokin Colo Lee about

The report of the act suspended for 30 years

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Apl 2. 1775  
To Col. Carter of  
Sabine Hall

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**Francis Lightfoot Lee to Landon Carter, August 3, 1775**

Aug. 3, 1775

Dear Sir,

I am obliged to you for communicating the news in Mr. Carter's Letter. There must certainly be a great many idle speaker, who waste the time most shamefully; or to be sure all the business before them might have been done by this time. I like their plans very well, tho I think they are rather on too large a scale. there is reason to apprehend, the expense will occasion great discontent. It really gave me concern when I heard of the Test; expecting it wou'd occasion a considerable division among us; which from the small specimen on Sunday, appears wou'd have been the case, and I think a seeming unanimity, at present, is of more advantage; than that of knowing, who are certainly our friends. however there is nothing in the report, as several who left the Convention on Saturday morning heard nothing of it nor wou'd Mr. Carter have omitted so material a thing. If there was any certainty of the Convention's setting anytime I wou'd go down as soon as my servant gets a little strength; but I know as soon as they are a little tired, they will finish the business off very fast. On Monday I will attend you if possible but with what propriety can we take notice of Mr Ritchie the man & the trans-action being in another County, & of publick notoriety. his conduct appears to me as to you, very scandalous, and I dare say the Com'tee of Essex will reprehend him for it I need not tell you that we shall be very glad of your Company. M. Guthrie is no better than he shou'd be, for having deprived us of it so long. I am Y sincerely,

Francis Light: Lee

Menokin Aug 3, 1775

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## Francis Lightfoot Lee to Landon Carter, October 21, 1775

Philadelphia Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> 1775

my dear Col,

I received your Letter with great pleasure tho contrary to your expectation it paid postage to the hated Post Offices as the constitutional post now goes regularly, we may with a safe conscience say how d'ye to each other It gives me concern to hear that you are withdrawing from public business; upon my word, this is not a time for men of abilities with good intentions to be only spectators, if we can't do all the good, we cou'd wish, let us at least endeavour to prevent all the mischeif in our power. Your good friend L. Dunmore is endeavouring to raise all the powers on earth to demolish poor Virginia? We have advice, that at his earnest [illegible] a fleet may be expected this fall to ravage our defenceless plantations & burn our little Towns, And we have lately discover'd a plot of his & Conolly's, which is to be executed in the following manner. Conolly dispairing of getting up the Country through Virg. or the Carolina's, is to go to St. Augustine from thence to the Creeks & Cherokees, and through all the tribes to Detroit, by general Gage's commission he is to have the garrison & Cannon of that place, & the assistance of the french at that settlement with all these he is to form an army in the spring, & march to Pittsburgh, from thence to Alexandria, pro-claiming freedom to all servants that will enlist; there he is to be join'd by Dunmore with the fleet & troops from England & march through the Country. he has Captains commissions from Dunmore for Cornstalk & WhiteEyes. We have given the earliest intelligence of these schemes to our Com. of safety, & hope with their endeavours assisted by the Carolinas & Georgia, that Conolly may be intercepted this fall or winter. Our military operations this campaign have been very languid, from the want of powder, but we still hope, our success in Canada will be

such, as to cut a figure for the first essay, such measures have been taken, as give us good reason to expect a plentiful supply of that necessary article before the next spring; and

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**Francis Lightfoot Lee to Landon Carter, October 21, 1775 (continued)**

then we shall be in readiness to receive the very warm attack, which from all our advices, the Ministry are preparing for us. but least there we should fail in being supplyd from abroad, every man shou'd exert himself in making salt petre your several plantations wou'd furnish a good deal, & you know the process is easy. with plenty of powder, the Victory is surely ours. –

Oct. 22d. Here I was interrupted yesterday evening by an express for Doct Shippen to our worthy speaker, he went out to dine with M. Hill and while at dinner was suddenly seized with a dead palsy, and this morning we are inform'd that he died last night you knew his virtues & will lament the loss of the friend and Patriot. I am so conern'd that I cant think of politicks.- my best respects to my good friend Mr. Carter, I have got a man a[t] work to make his wool cards, & we are in possession of Miss Belsey's musick, which shall be spent by the first opportuni[ty] Mr. Lee joins me in every good wish to Mrs. Carter & Miss Lucy. we have no doubt of Miss Lucy's happiness in the married state, as so much depends upon herself, & knowing the worth of Mr. Colstoner. remember me to all friends when I shall see them God knows. Believe me my dear Col. your sincerely affect'n. friend & respectfull servant

Francis Light: Lee

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## Francis Lightfoot Lee to Landon Carter, November 20, 1775

Philadelphia Nov. 20 1775

My dear Colonel

I wrote to Col. Tayloe two or three days agoe, from whome I suppose you have had the news, and intended by Mr. Colston to answer your last letter; but an express from the Camp last night having Got fresh intelligence I take the advantage of tomorrow's post to communicate it to you. The transports from Ireland with five Regiments compleat have arrived at Boston, a fishing boat with 6 muskets took a schooner belonging to the fleet, loaded with provisions for the officers; in her were many letters by which we learn that the Roman catholic Lord, Bishops, & gentry are extreemly active in procuring recruits; The Protestants very averse to the business, many recruiting par-ties driven out of their towns; and even the lower class of catholics, show great dislike to it, but with the high pre-miums given by the Popish towns & ea many recruits are raised, & it is expected as many will be raised as will compleat the number intended for the next campaign, which they say is 22,000. 5,000 Hanoverians are to garrison Gibraltar & portmahon, the british regiments there to go to England & Ireland. I will not anticipate your reflection upon these infamous proceedings of the Ministry, but I think he must be blind indeed who does not see the design of establishing arbitrary government in America; and unworthy the name of man, who does not oppose it, at all hazard. The establishment of Popery, will no doubt, be the

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reward of the existence of the Roman Catholics. We do not think the whole of these raw Irish will make a dinner for our troops. our only fear, is the want of ammunition but we hope to be relieved from that before next spring our cutters have taken two more of their caitering vessel one loaded with wood the other with provisions. 600 of the enemy made

a sally out of Boston to carry off some cattle but a few of our men quickly repulsed them, with the loss of two of their men. We have heard of Arnold's being in Canada & recd.

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**Francis Lightfoot Lee to Landon Carter, November 20, 1775 (continued)**

[received] with open arms by the inha[bi]tants, so we expect that Quebec, & of course the whole Province is ours by this time. so much for news. I am glad to find that amidst all the breeches-button making in Virg. & in spite of the Cholic you keep up your spirits; & therefore hope you have defeated all the party schemes in Richmond. Lord Dunmore seems to be a little quiet, since the taste of Virg. prowess at Hampton, we expect that Col. Woodford will keep him to his good behaviour at Norfolk- pray remember me to all my friends, present my best respects to my friend Mr. Carter & his Lady, & believe me allways Y'r. affn. h'ble ser't.

Francis Lightfoot Lee

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## Francis Lightfoot Lee to Landon Carter, December 12, 1775

Philadelphia Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 1775

my dear Colonel,

Before you receive this, Mr. Colston will have given you all the news of this place when he left it. since which one of our little men of war, called the Lee, capt. Manly has taken a store ship, loaded with 2000 stand of arms, a great deal of artillery, 30 tons of shot a quantity of shells & shott for the bombs & Cannon; and a very great quantity of all kinds of Artillery stores; to the amount of 20,000 £ Str, as tis tho't. We make no doubt but Quebec & Carlton with his powder are in our possession by this time. If we are supplyd with powder from that or any other quarter this winter we shall certainly make Boston too hot for Howe, as the Ministry has kindly supplied us plentifully with artillery. these successes to the Northward, and the former reputation of Virg.'a make the present proceedings with you appear in a very odd light. The real friends of liberty are under great concern, & your delegates are mortified of the sneers & deflections of the lukewarm but that is trifling to the uneasiness we suffer, from the apprehen-[s]ion of the consequences, that may follow, from L'd. Dunmore's being allowd, to get to such a head.

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It does not appear to me that Woodford's force is suffi-cient to effect any thing decisive. In my opinion, our safety depends upon an immediate, & effectual stop being put to that infernal Demon, & his tory associates at Norfolk. The Congress are giving the greatest attention to a Navy, & I hope we shall have ships enough by the spring to oblige the Ministerial fleet to consult their safety by keeping close together, & of course will not be able to do us much injury. I am surprised at not receiving Letters from my friends in Richmond by the const. post. The Postmaster assures me there is a post established from Fredericksburg to Port[illegible]oyal, Hobb's hole, & M[illegible]; An[illegible] the

County Com'tees were to direct where the Offices shou'd be kept I wish it was enquired into & the obstruction mentioned; that they may be removed, if in the Postmaster[']s]

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**Francis Lightfoot Lee to Landon Carter, December 12, 1775 (continued)**

power. I hope the County chose a Com'tee to your liking, & that everything is quiet.  
- Is it not necessary that the Convention shoud establish some kind of Govern-ment as L.D. by his proclamation has utterly de-molished the whole civil government. I believe the Congress will adjourn before Christmas, but whether long enough to allow me to see Virg. is uncertain. In the mean time my best wishes attend my friends in Richmon[d]. I am Dear Col. Y'r aff'n. n'ble ser't.

Francis Lightfoot Lee

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## Francis Lightfoot Lee to Landon Carter, February 12, 1776

Philadelphia Feb. 12, 1776

My dear Colonel,

Intended to have devoted yesterday to answer your kind Letters by last monday's post; but unexpected business intervined, which prevented me, and this day I find my obligation increased by the receipt of yours of the [illegible] -I must now content myself with assuring you that I am very sensible of your Friend-[s]hip; and acquainting you with the occurrences in [t]his part of the world; the only return in my power for your kindness. Gen'l. Washington having intelli-gence that Gen'l Clinton with a body of troops had sailed from Boston, & suspecting their intention was to make a lodgment in N. York; dispatched Gen. Lee, to prevent it. Lee arrived there last week with 1100 men; & on the same day in pops Clinton who had been seperated from his fleet in a snow storm. finding Lee there, he & Tryon assured the town upon their honor that the troops were not destined for N. York & nothing hostile was intended ag'st them. Lee knowing the cue of the Ministry & all their agents, commenced to call in more forces. this day he sent us an express that one of the transports, full of soldiers was arrived & several others seen at the hook. however as Lee had 4000 men, it is immagined Clinton will comply with part of his honorable engagement, & attempt nothing at N. York, but proceed to Virg. which place, some Gentlemen ( in pretended confidence) were assured, was the original destination of the fleet so that perhaps old bess will not long remain clean Clinton's pretended rendezvous, is at Hampton road was

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where he is to be joined by a fleet from England with 5 Reg[i]-ments. his present force is supposed to be 6 or 700 men. I fear your want of arms & good Gen'ls. will make this little army very formidable to you. We have not yet applied to Congress for y'r. Gen'l. Officers nor do we know where they will be got; those that are good for anything seem to have their hands full to the North & Eastward. whenever they are appointed, you may be

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**Francis Lightfoot Lee to Landon Carter, February 12, 1776 (continued)**

assured I will not fail to put in a good word for my young friend Landon. Had we not been deceived in our intelligence respecting the 30 tons of powder, Boston in all probability would now be in our possession. but alas for want of that necessary, the favorable season has passed away without anything being affected; & now the rest must remain probably till next winter. however we have now in hand 117 tons of saltpetre 13 of powder & 300 stand of arms; the utmost dispatch is using to manufacture the salt petre which will soon enable us to answer all demands w<sup>c</sup> are are now very great from all quarters; but we expect in the present scramble for the 13 tons to get one or two for Virg<sup>a</sup>. Our affairs in Canada are in as a good a situation as we cou<sup>d</sup> ex-pect since our unfortunate attempt upon Quebec. we have no doubt of having a sufficient force there to render a good acc<sup>t</sup> o[f] Carlton before he can be reinforced. Cap<sup>t</sup>. Manly of the Lee, now of the Hancock, is daily taking some of thier supply transports; in return for which two ships loaded by the Congress to procure military stores, have fallen into the Eng missha I find L.D. is endeavouring to perswade the settlers on the Rivers to remain quiet, & not remove their stocks & provisions. no doubt till he is enabled to come & ease them of them all. tis strange that this monster, & the rest of his infernal tribe should expect to be credited by a single person; after the innumerable instances of

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cruelty, rapacity & pes[illegible]ed fresh in every ones mind, which they have exhibited in every part of the world. The ministerial scheme of ag<sup>st</sup> Sayre also & others was this. The workmen leaving the docks, demanding higher wages applying to the American friends to supply them with money to [illegible] them out of the Kingdom; was all under directions of a L. Sandwich, in order to bring the Americans under the penalty for in [illegible]veighing the king<sup>s</sup> workmen out of the Kingdom. It was about to take effect; when one more honest than the rest of his followers, disclosed the whole affair to the

Alderman- This failing, their next plan is, to make one Richardson a native of this City whome they have made an officer in the Guards, swear away the life of Sayre & it is apprehended the other also. Is it possible that any one can expect any thing good from

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**Francis Lightfoot Lee to Landon Carter, February 12, 1776 (continued)**

such abandoned Villains: [illegible] their hellish plots Good Lord deliver us. our best respects to sabine Hall & believe me Dear Col. your afft friend & very h'ble s'rv

Francis Lightfoot Lee

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**Francis Lightfoot Lee to Landon Carter, September 15, 1776**

Colo F.L. Lee September 15, 1776

My dear Col.

Philadelphia Sep. 15, 1776

I acknowlege myself greatly indebted to your goodness, for which, tho I despair of ever making full returns; yet I shall endeavour to show my gratitude by such partial payments, as my time & abilities will admit of. I cannot think the apprehensions of our Council, without foundation, for whether the Enemy is successfull or not at N. York, there is reason to believe, they will make some attempts upon some of the southern states and we know that our people, upon the least removal of danger, are too apt, to relapse into supineness & inattention. We find from experience that regulars only can effectually be opposed to the british troops; therefore we are collecting our regular batallions to resist the efforts of the Enemy at N. York and if any sudden attack shou'd be made upon any state, we must depend upon the Militia to impede their progress, till untill they can be opposed by some regular troops. The Militia is not only ineffectual, but bey[on]d measure,

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expensive. such a number of regulars will therefore be raised, for the next campaign, that we shall not have recourse to the militia, but upon extraordinary occasions. six new Regiments will be raised in Virginia. -You have no doubt, before this, been inform'd that our General, upon finding Long Island not tenable, have quitted it, after a smart engagement between a party of between 2 & 3000 of our men, & the greater part of the Enemy's army. in which tho we were outgeneral'd, yet the troops behaved so exceedingly well, that Howe has been very cautious in all his movements since. all of which indicate his intention of geting upon the back of our Army & with their shiping on

the front & each side cut off all communication with the Country. in which case we must either fight to a disadvantage or surrender for want of provisions. our Gen'l is taking measures to prevent this; for which purpose the City of N. York, must be evacuated;

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**Francis Lightfoot Lee to Landon Carter, September 15, 1776 (continued)**

which is by no means tenable, if the Enemy chuse to direct their efforts ag'st it. As the Court of G. B. has ever accompanied Violence with deception; L. Howe their agent since his arrival, has constantly endeavour'd to make the people beleive, that he has great powers & earnestly u[illegible]d for peace; & at length carried the matter so far as to desire a conference with some members of Congress, in their private capacities. The Congress to show they were not averse to peace, sent a Com'tee of their body to confer with him. They had the honor of three hours conversation with his L. Ship & return'd here last fryday. He acknowleged he had no power to suspend the operations of war, or to offer any terms; but said, he had waited two months in England to prevail with the Ministry to empower him to converse & confer with gentm of influence in America that he was sure of the good intentions of the King & the Ministry; & if we woud return to our allegiance, they wou'd revise the late instructions to Gso'rs & the Acts of Parliament, & if there was anything in them that appear'd unreasonable to them; he did not doubt but they wou'd make them easy The whole affair will soon be publish'd by Congress, which I will send to my friends in Richmond; & shall be glad of your remarks. All well at Ticonderoga. –

Every advice, from all parts of the french dominions give us hopes of a speedy rapture with G. B.- That event will make us somewhat easy. my best respects to the Ladies, & my friend Mr. Carter.

Believe me, my dear Col. Y'r aff'n & oblig'd friend

Francis Lig[ht]foot Lee

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**Francis Lightfoot Lee to Landon Carter, January 14, 1777**

My dear Col.

Baltimore Jan: 14. 1777

Tho I have wrote pretty fully to Col. Tayloe, upon the present state of our affairs & sent him the papers, which I know you will partake of; yet I cant help saying a word, to convince you, that I can never forget you.

dont you give us credit for our good policy in removing from Philadelphia? nothing else cou'd awaken the whigs of that State to a sense of their danger. the lethargy of the middle States was really alarming; thank God! it is removed. our new Army once well on foot, & all is safe but I believe, my friend, we must be content with homespun the rest of our lives

Doctor Bond promised to procure for you, a certain method of granulating sugar; he is much pleased with your intention; says the world is greatly obliged to [missing, torn] [h]appy to assist your designs. [missing, torn] [Phil]adelphia, I am sure

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prevented his complying with his promise: as that confusion is pretty well over, I will write to him to send it to me. The same reason has prevented your receiving the Philadelphia Ledger. there is a good paper published here, which will now contain all authentic intelligence, if you chuse it, I will send it.

If I have not been so punctual as I ought in the execution of your commands, I hope you will not impute it to want of inclination. I assur[e] you I have little time I can call my own, & that irregular & uncertain. it is now past 12 at night & Mr. Lee calls to bed. my best respects to Mr. Carter his Lady & the family. adieu my friend

Francis Lightfoot Lee

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**Francis Lightfoot Lee to Landon Carter, January 14, 1777 (continued)**

Colo: F.L. Lee from  
Baltimore Jany 14, 1777  
Good tidings let Tayloe  
keep them for Lomax to  
read who is not yet got  
to Menokin

To  
Col. Landon Carter  
    of Sabine Hall  
        Virginia

Col. R. H. Lee's boy returns to Baltimore  
tomorrow, from Chantilly. Tuesday morn. all well. Good Tidings, which shall be  
sent after seen by Esq. Lomax, who is expected to day at Menokin

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**Francis Lightfoot Lee to Landon Carter, April 15, 1777**

Philadelphia April 15. 1777

Dear Col.

Having given Col. Tayloe what little news is stirring here, which I know will be communi-cated to you; I have only to acknowlege the rec't. of several of your favors, for which I am much obliged to you. Your sentimental description is in the hands of Mr. Towne the evening Printer, he has not yet in-formed me whether he can print it; but I doubt he will be prevented by the many domestic occurrences. I think you are too severe upon the spring of Popularity, tho I think it wants mending which I fear nothing will do effectually, but the self denying ordinance.

Since my return here, I have again [illegible] D[o]ctor Bond for the method of granulating sugar, he has promised faithfully to procure it I shall take care to remind him of his pro-mise. he mentions a person in N. England who made sugar from the tops of the corn stalk, which yielded him more profit, than all the rest of the Corn.

We are threatened to be again driven from this City. It is very troublesome, & I think so disgracefull

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that I cou'd find in my heart to cut the figure in history, which you sometime agoe mentioned, if we cou'd find the body of men; but strange to tell that is now our only want, tho in the long nu-meration of wants which we have been used to make, that never entered into the catalogue.

Mr. Howe is but in a poor condition, & yet he bullies us, however as there is little prospect of his being soon reinforced, I hope eer long he will be obliged to look to his own safety. proper re-gulations in the different departments are making, that if we ever get an Army, we shall keep it. Our accounts from London say the plan of operations for

this campaign is for Howe to demolish the Eastern states, Burgoyne with 10,000 men is to conquer all that borders on Chesapeake [illegible] Carlton from Canada sul [torn, illegible] but most of the troops to effect all [illegible, torn] be procured, & no man in

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**Francis Lightfoot Lee to Landon Carter, April 15, 1777 (continued)**

Europe can tell from whence. not from Russia, the Turk is likely to give her employment.. God send, they may soon all get to-gether by the ears, & then we shall be at rest. Our best comp'ts to Mr Carter his Lady & family. -health & happiness attend you my good friend.

Francis Lightfoot Lee

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**Francis Lightfoot Lee to Landon Carter, June 8, 1777**

To Col. Landon Carter

Sabine Hall

Virginia

favor'd by

Col R.H. Lee

My dear Col.

Philadelphia June 8.<sup>th</sup> 1777

I have lately received several of your favors, for which I feel myself much obliged & shou'd sooner have acknowleged it but that I waited to have the pleasure of sending you a treatise on sugar making: but as Doctor Bond has repeatedly disappointed me, I can no longer defer paying my respects to you. Mr. Fauntleroy shall have your letter, I can hardly think he will let his house be made use of when it is so disagreeable to his neighbours. it is certainly too much surrounded by Slaves, & the season very impro[er] if the infection shou'd by accident spread, the crops must inevitably be lost. The campaign is not yet opened, Gen'l Howe is collecting his forces, but whether he means to act offensively, before he is reinforced, is uncertain some think he will be satisfied to keep himself secure.

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I think it is reduced to a certainty that G. B. cannot conquer America with her own forces or what she can procure in Europe. We have pretty good intelligence that our Enemies are sa-tisfied of this, & are therefore determined to try th[e] full force of corruption. We know they have many emissaries at work; & I fear the scheme has extended further than we are aware of. Mr. Towne could not publish your peice, he said it was too long for the plan of his paper.

Transcribed by Sarah L. Jones  
Menokin Foundation Intern, Summer 2003  
Yale University Class of 2006

I have received the number of your Tickets, & shall inform you immediatly of their fate when the Lottery is drawn (which I hope will be soon) if I am here; but I hope

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**Francis Lightfoot Lee to Landon Carter, June 8, 1777 (continued)**

reputation, at least without dis-grace. my best respects to Sabine Hall.

Your friend wishes you health & happin[e]ss.

Francis Lightfoot Lee

On the side: "Colo. F.L. Lee

June 8. 1777"

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**Francis Lightfoot Lee to Landon Carter, August 13, 1777**

My dear Col[o]nel,

Philadelphia Aug. 13. 1777

I have the pleasure at last of sending you some directions for making sugar; which I hope will be usefull.

You have my sincere thanks for your agreeable Letter by R. H. L. I am well pleased to find no abatement in your usual flow of good spirits. In spite of the Cholic I hope you will live long enough to see the down fall of this excessive fondness for popularity. It cannot long exist, in any great degree; where there are not many lucrative Offices in the gifts of the people; and in Popular governments. I think the error is generally on the side of Parsimony. We are kept in great anxiety by the extraordinary manoevre of Gen'l Howe, his going to sea with his Army; we can as yet only guess at his intentions. he was seen last fryday about 50 miles to the southward

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of their capes, & perhaps may be in Chesapeak by the time you receive this; tho we think if he has any wisdom left, he shoud go to the northward to cooperate with Burgoyne, whose genius at present, seems to have the ascendancy in his department Our people there are still in a panic & Bourgoye's thoughtless activity, is well calculated to keep it up. our only comfort is, that the further penetrates, the more surely he may be ruined; when they recover their senses. The Enemy have taken one of our finest frigates from us; but I beleive we have one of theirs in return.

I have not yet had an oppportunity of delivering your present to Doctr. Shippen. I am sure he will make every gratefull retrun in his power. You may be sure of your sickles. It is so excessive hot & biting flies so plenty that I can scarce write. Mrs. Lee sends her best respects & wishes to God, she coud comply w'th Y'r kind invitation, in w'ch she is join' d by Y'r afft.

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**Francis Lightfoot Lee to Landon Carter, September 22, 1777**

Sept. 22 1777

The Method of making Sugar from the  
Cane-Juice is as follows

According to the Bulk of an Estate, there will be from 4 to 10 or 12 Coppers; which hold, in proportion to the number of Coppers from 150 to 50, or 60 Gallons, & from, 300 to 60 Gall.'s Where there are 4 Cop-pers, they are hung one, & three to a Fire. Some Planters I have known to hang all four to one Fire; but it is what I never approv'd of, for Reasons too tedious to insert. Other Estates, using 10 Coppers, have two & two; & 3 & 3 to a Fire. (Some 6, & Some 7 Coppers just as Conveniency Suits)- Many are fond of having as many Coppers to a Fire as can conveniently boil, in order to save the Negroes Labour, & Fuel; especially in Barbados, where they have no Wood Land. But the Trash from the Canes, both in the Fields & about the Mills, when they are ground thro' them, does very well to boil the Liquor into Sugar. That being a long settled Island, the Liquor of the Canes there is more rich than in many Parts of Jamaica; tho latterly I have seen made better Sugar in the last mention'd Island than in the first; & this I impute to the great Drought they have had (owing to the Island being intirely open) & also to the Ants, which have been very destructive to the Canes in Barbados. As I need not enlarge on Particulars with regard to Cultivation, etc. I will just insert, as near as I can, and my Eye-Sight will permit; the Method of Making or Boiling Sugar from Cane-Liquor.

1<sup>st</sup> All Recievers & Gutters, thro' which the Liquor runs from the Mills are leaded, to prevent it's Souring, which is very pernicious to the Sugar, as well as in the Boiling-House as in the Distill-House- To remedy it is very difficult, & attended with much Trouble, more so than the cleaning or Scowering the Gutters & Receivers, which are all

of Wood- & Wood is very apt to taint the Liquor, especially in hot Weather; So that the Loss, accruing from tainted Liquor, would be more than will compensate for the Expence of Leading, etc. Besides, the Lead will last many Years. After there is as much Liquor

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**Francis Lightfoot Lee to Landon Carter, September 22, 1777 (continued)**

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ground as will fill the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Coppers, the dry Lime is put into each of them, which are call'd Clarifyers; from the Couler of the Cane & the Liquor as it runs. I have often put in an exact Quantity of Temper, that is Dry Lime of the best Quality, of which the Liquor did not require any more, but wanted only Lime- Water, when

When the Liquor was charged into the 2d & 3d Coppers, called Cleansers, & at Intervals to throw into each of those Coppers, per-haps a Quart or more of the Lime Water, in order to raise a Scum, which will Soon ascend, & with a nimble Hand, Soon procures a transparent Liquor- When that is cleans'd, it is charged into the Smaller Coppers, & the Boiler continues skimming while the least Filth uses until it becomes a Syrup, which will be in the last & Smallest Copper, call'd the Taich, & that is continually Supplied with the clean Syrup, until it becomes high enough to take off, or be thrown out of the Taich into large Coolers, near at Hand, & there it granulates into thick Sugar. When it is cold enough to bear your Finger in it, it is put into Pots or Hogsheads- In two Weeks the Potted will be fit to Send to Market, & that in Hh'ds in 3 Weeks\_ I have known some sugar to be cured in Hh'ds in less time than 3 Weeks I have Sometimes hit upon the exact Quantity of White Lime that a Copper of Liquor took But it is not allways to be done I have known the Same Piece of Land take two or three differ-ent Quantities of Temper, from a half Pint to two Pints, owing to the different Soils of Earth. The Hilly Land that lies to the Fore-noon-Sun, is Sure to yield & make much better Sugar than the West Part of it lying to the Afternoon Sun; the former will produce a rich Liquor; when in the Copper it will look of a fine Amber Coulor; the other will be pale, vash & full of Froth on the Tops of the Gutters, & in the Recievers; that Liquor takes more Temper, & a longer Time before it comes to Sugar; when the Syrup is in the Taich, try if it is tempered enough, or not, by dipping the Skimmer into the Taich, and giving it a

few Twirls round over the Taich & holding it up \_If the liquor has got a Sufficient Qty. of Limo [Lime]; as it falls from the Skimmer, it will break off close to the Edge of it, very

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**Francis Lightfoot Lee to Landon Carter, September 22, 1777 (continued)**

Short, in Glassy Flakes\_ If it has not got a Sufficient Qty. it will hang for Some time\_ The Weak Trash-Liquor, if not temper'd enough, & Strengthened with Strong Lime Water, will produce a weak Sugar, with a Small Grain, call'd Dabby, of a bad Quality for the Refiners as well as the Shops. The Lime Water is made So Strong as to have a thick Crust on it, when Settled. When the Sugar is got to a proper Height, there are various ways to try- Some immerge the Ladle into the Taich & draw it up, when on the Bottom, the Grain of the Sugar will run off. \_Some only by looking on the Surface of the Taich or the Syrup in it, can tell when to strike the Taich, as the Boilers call it. Others again choose to take it by the Touch, which is the Surest & best Method. By Immerging a Stick of about 4 Feet in Length, 16 inches of which are flat, about 2 Inches broad, & 2 ft. 6 Inches of it round & Smooth for a Hand-Hold\_ Immerge the flat End of this Stick into the Taich, holding it in your left Hand; and when the extreme Heat is going off, clap your right Fore-Finger & Thumb to it, & with nimble Contact, before the Heat is gone, draw your Finger & Thumb from each other, about 3 Inches; if the Sugar is high enough, it will draw out in a Small Thread, & that is the highest that Sugar can be boiled to- & is call'd Loaf-Height. There are two lower Degrees, Heighth, which is when the String draws about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an Inch- the 2'd is Lump, when the String draws about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an Inch\_ The last is the only Heighth to procure a large-grain'd Sugar, But more Molasses, which is no loss in the Distill-House.

The writer of the within was a long time Manager of Estates in Jamaica & Barbadoes. he informs me, that the Cane will not make sugar, till arrived to maturity, or nearly so; the juices being too weak. That when the juice is strong, 2 or 3 ounces of lime will be sufficient for 60 Galln but it is sometimes so weak, that 20 times the quantity will hardly do. It may therefore be doubted whether the young Corn stalks will make sugar at all; but

from the infor-mation I have rec'd, I think it is worth while to try th[e] stalk in its more advanced state.

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**Francis Lightfoot Lee to Landon Carter, September 22, 1777 (continued)**

Doctor Franklin says, he was informed by an intelligent man in New England, that he made as much sugar from the tops of his corn, (cut as soon as the tassell had answer'd the purpose of impregnation) as was equal in value to the crop of corn.

A Farmer in this State, says he last year made half a barrel of very rich melases, as he called it, from a load of stalks, after he gather'd his corn.

The West India Manager says the juice of the stalk is richest nearest the ground. The corn I think might be gatherd, as soon as hard & dried out of doors; when the Stalk wou'd be full of rich juice, & give the best chance of making sugar. All which is submitted to my friends better judgement.

F.L.L.---

Col. F. L. Lee his  
acct for making sug  
rec'd Sept'b 22, 1777

## Francis Lightfoot Lee to Landon Carter, December 7, 1777

To

Colonel Landon Carter  
of Sabine Hall  
Virginia  
favor'd by R.H. Lee Esq.

My dear Colonel,

York Town Dec. 7, 1777

Your last letter gave me pleasure & uneasiness; I was happy to find you had got the better of so dangerous an attack, but much concerned to find that those, from whom you have a right to expect every in-dulgence, should contribute to render your old age uncomfortable. from Mt. Airy [I]earn that your health is not yet well established, I hope it will be so, before I return in the spring; I assure you, a considerable part of the pleasure I promise myself from my dear Richmond, depends upon it.

The making of Molasses, Sugar, & Rum from Cornstalks has a considerable progress in the Eastern States. An acre of the tops yields a hogs head of Molasses. I have seen some of the rum, very good. they press out the juice with a common apple mill

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my bro.'r Richard who I make no doubt you will see, can give you a full account\_\_

Having given all the intelligence to Mount Airy, which I know you will see I need not repeat it. believe me Dear Col.

Your afft. h'ble. Servant

Francis Lightfoot Lee

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**Francis Lightfoot Lee to Robert Wormeley Carter, November 1775**

To Robert Wormeley Carter Esquire at the Convention

favor'd by

Cap. Innis

Virginia

Dear Sir,

Nov. 1775

We have had nothing new since the reduction of Montreal, which I suppose you must have heard of; It is supposed Arnold must be in possession of Quebec by this time, if he shou'd be too weak to effect it. Montgomerie will join him from Montreal. At all events we have got the most valuable part of Canada, as it cuts off all commu[ni]cation with the Indians, & prevents inroads on our fronteer. It wou'd give me infinite pleasure, if our affair to the Southward wore as favorable an Aspect, it will require very vigorous efforts, to put a stop to the proceedings of Lord Dunmore. We are extreamly alarm'd by an express from the Com'tee of North hampton County, to Congress informing that he has issued a Proclamation, declaring military Law in Virg, & offering freedom to all servants & slaves, who shall repair to the King's standard, which he has erected; that inhabitants of Norfolk & Princess Ann Counties have taken an Oath to oppose, to the last drop of their blood, any of their countrymen who shall come in arms into their Counties. The Com'tee asks for assistance, being apprehensive that their people from their exposed situation, & the number of their slaves, well thro fear; be induced to follow the example of the either two Counties. We have got the Proclamation.

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I have been thus full least the letters from Northhampton to our Com'tee of safety shou'd be intercepted; which they were apprehensive of. this intelligence gives great concern to

all the real friends of America; & subjects your Countrymen to the sneers of its disguised Ene-mies, & the lukewarm. Fatal consequences may follow if an immediate stop is not put to that Devil's career. I shoud think insufficient force of Militia or Minutemen,

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**Francis Lightfoot Lee to Robert Wormeley Carter, November 1775  
(continued)**

shou'd immediatly be sent, to Drive them & his adhe-cent on board the ships; The estates

of the inhabitants of Norfolk, or elsewhere, who have taken arms, ag'st the Country shoud be sequestered for its defence. The proclamation burnt by the hangman, & heavy penalties inflicted on those who disperse them thro' the Country. The patrols shou'd be very di-ligent. will it not be necessary for the convention by a short Ordinance, to establish the present Laws & Judges? It wou'd contribute more than anything to the quiet & safety of the people, & security of our commerce in the spring, if the Convention wou'd exert themselves in fitting out small armed Ves-sells, to prevent small tenders from infesting the bay, & rivers; if it cannot be done in Virg.'a they might be procured here. probably Virg'a might spare powder for this purpose, but without very bad fortune we shall soon have it in. it is inconceivable what good effects

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have been produced from such a measure to the North-ward, not a tender dares to come from under the Guns of the l[ar]ge ships; & the vessells employ'd by the Army in Boston to procure wood & provisions are every day falling into our hand. There are small guns in several parts of Virg., a few at Hobb's hole, & Col. Fauntleroy's. The furnaces shoud be set to casting them. God prosper your deliberations. ---

Y'r. afft. friend

Francis Light: Lee

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**Francis Lightfoot Lee to William Holburne, August 9, 1796**

Mr. Wiliam Holburne  
Mt. Airy

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Sir,

I am [re]ally ashamed to be continually giving you trouble about my old Account. you will have the goodness to excuse it, as it is a good deal oweing to my head. it was much confused Yesterday, so that I took but a cursory veiw of the Acct. \_ I now find another small omission of the two loads of flax, for which I think you allowed me 40/ a load. I wish too to submit to recon-sideration, the short allowance of 10 Years int. on the £ 113 \_ I think, as it appears by the enclosed sketch, that on the 15 July 83\_ there was a ballance due to me; that the £ 113 ought to carry int. from the date of the judgement, of which you h[av]e note from the Office. I think three years back from whence you commence Y'r. credit.

I am Your obliged h'ble Ser't.

F. L. Lee

Aug: 9, 1796

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**Francis Lightfoot Lee to William Lee, July 17, 1770**

dear Brother,

I wrote to you by the Anne Capt Sinclair, who sail'd the 9<sup>th</sup> of this month, inclosing bills of Exchange and other papers, & directed it to the care of Mr. Molleson, as you had forgot to mention where your Letters shou'd be directed but I have heard since that the Capt is a very worth less fellow, therefore it may be necessary you shou'd make some enquiry after him, he is in a ship of Glasford's consign'd to Rob't & Rob't Bogle & Scott. This comes by Capt. Walker he I suppose will sail in 3 or 4 weeks, b[u]t I am obliged to write thus early because I set off today for Loudoun to the election, which will be in 8, or 10 days

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the people are so vext at the little attendance I have given them, that they are determin'd it seems to dis miss me from their service; a resolution most pleasing to me, for it is so very inconvenient to me, that nothing shou'd induce me to take a poll, but a repeated promise to my friends there, enforced by those here who consider me as a staunch friend to Liberty, for the ruin of which our Governor seems to be taking some very subtle measures, supported by the Atto: Gen: who is pushing hard for the first place in the Gov'r's favor, & to succeed the honest, worthy, Ned Ambler who is dead, as representative for James Town what a change! Lord Botetourt, in the opinion of every body is a polite, very agreeable man, & it is probable from his universal character that we shou'd be very happy in a Governor, if it was not for

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our unhappy dispute with G. Britain in which he must no doubt think & act with the ministry, indeed he honestly says so, & from what little he speaks about it, it appears the ministry are determin'd to enfor[ce] We have not heard anything from Boston since I

wrote last, the post did not bring in the last Northward papers, why, we do not know;  
The Pennsylvania Assembly has adjourn'[d] to the spring without taking the least notice of  
the damn'd Acts oh I forgot, by some private accts from Boston, they are enveigle-ing the

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**Francis Lightfoot Lee to William Lee, July 17, 1770 (continued)**

soldiers, who desert in crowds daily our Assembly will meet in the spring, when I hope  
you will have something worthy Virg'a

I was miserably disappointed in my ex-pectations from Williamsburgh alltogether owing  
to my having employ'd the Esq. and which I did contrary to my own opinion

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of things in general but because I knew you usually employ'd him in such affairs; now  
[y]ou must not expect any remittances till after the Oyer Court, & then by the first Ship  
you cannot fail. You have inclosed Hector Rass's second Exchange for £ 40 to purchase  
for me things necessary for our fulling mill such as screw, or Press, Paste boards, Shears  
& dyes the quantities & kinds of which I leave to you, & if you can recollect any other  
thing necessary, send illegible you have also Armstead's & Claiborne's seconds, the first  
of which were sent in my last, they are for the Mis [illegible] quotas of B. Moore, &  
Armstead, I am inform'd that we can get good Jamaica spirit cheaper from London than  
the W. Indies, for the duty is drawn back there & none paid here, do enquire about it, &  
let us know, my love to the Doc.'tr I shall certainly write to him soon, no offer for his  
Chair & Horses yet, & Col. Phil says Griffin will not take the things at William Haney  
you'l report having desired me to write often

adieu

Francis Lightfoot Lee

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**Francis Lightfoot Lee to William Lee, December 19, 1773**

My dear Bro'r.

Dec. 19. 1773

The above I lodged three weeks agoe to go by Cap't Creamor in a Ship of Moll[eso]n's whcih his bro told me w'd sail in 10 days, but she is not gone yet since that on the 8th inst. I rec'd an [Ex]press from the Trents informing me of the arrival of the Eliza, & that they had order'd her round here, as they cou'd not load her, nor contribute in the least to it, any way this was the first notice I had of y'r intention of sending a Ship in this fall; indeed tho I wrote during the summer, advising one [t]o be sent, as I cou'd not get liberty for y'r tob'o, yet when I after was do found so may ships on liberty [w]hich I was sure you must know of, I reason'd as you do in y'r by G[illegible] I rec'd y'r inst'r concluded you wou'd not send me in consequence of which, & anxious to get what remittances I cou'd to you in time, I had put all the tob'o I coud procure on board Mitchell & Dutchman, & then comes the Eliza upon me empty handed, very little tob'o inspected & three winter months for her lay [d]ays; so that her time will be out, just as the people will begin to carry their tob'o to y' was [illegible] by this you will find that you are exactly in the suds you apprehended. I think this trans-action looks very ugly on the side of the Trents; if they do not eemit, I wou'd not give them one [m]oments breath. However dont entirely despair, for if the winter turns out tolerable, I think we shall do pretty well. The Eliza got to H. Hole the night before last, & yesterday Capt'n. Brown was with me I directed him immediatly to give notice that the ship wou'd take on liberty, & tomorrow I [illegible] [g]o to Essex court, & will settle some plan & send the Cap't out on an expedition. Upon rec't of y'r Lett'r. immediatly wrote to Muse & Triplett to put no more tob'o on board the other ships, but collect all their power for the Eliza. Muse says he will have at least 50 L'ds but desires that what he had ready to go in Mitchell maybe consider'd as a remittance made when he sails, this, is but fair, as he proposed to ship 30

L'ds in him which he now keeps to dispatch the Eliza. I also gave notice to y'r fr[i]e[n]ds As this ship loads here, you must conclude that we shall not want another till the next fall, indeed I wish Y'r pot'o Ship may not come in too soon my plan allways was

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**Francis Lightfoot Lee to William Lee, December 19, 1773 (continued)**

for the pot'o ship to come in ab't the time Russell & Molleson send their ships, the Rap'a. ship in May; but the disappointment of the Trents has overs it all our schemes, for now we probably shall have both ships upon hand at once, whereas they sh'd always be here at different times, both for the conveniency of y'r correspondent for the certainty of y'r getting y'r remittances in due time, & their being loaded with dis-patch. I shall give you notice of our proceedings by every opportunity, but the [illegible]cket cannot be consider'd as one, for I have never rec'd a Letter from you that way under months; so badly is our post regulated. Col. Landon Carter has quarrel'd with Molleson seem'd so desirous of throwing some of his business into y'r hands, that I cou'd not avoid agreeing that he sh'd draw on you to take up a bill of £ 52 & charges (which Molleson has protested) whenever it appears, upon his shiping 10 L'ds. in the Eliza, & [g]reat promises of "Gratitude for the smallest friendship" This is no great bargain, as the bill will probably get to hand before the Tob'o; but he was so pleased with y'r Let'r by Grei [illegible] & so urgent to commence the correspondence that I cou'd not be off, as I'm sure you cou'd not have been. I see by Y'r to Is [illegible] Mills you desire him to purchase 100 L'ds, which may be on Y'r acct if he pleases as you dont mention this to me, when you tell me to purchase what good stem'd I can get if the ship shoud want; I shall take it for granted, that my pur-chase is altogether unconnected with that of J Mills; but I shall have n[o] money

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money from the Treasurer, for he wrties me that he has now sent you more bills than he had money in hand, therefore I was obliged to get £ 130 Cur'cy for Mr. Turner from our bro'r R. H. Lee which he intend-ed to remit to you. This money R. H. L must have credit for when Capt. Mitchell arrives, the greatest part of the sum was in Dollars viz:3:32g which he desires credit for at the price they are worth in London, as he intended to remit the specie If I purchase any tob'o I shall be obliged to draw, unless I can squeeze some

cash out of Hopkins which I allmost despair of. I think I shall very soon order suit ag'st him, you will therefore by the first opportunity furnish me with a regular proved Rec't I

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**Francis Lightfoot Lee to William Lee, December 19, 1773 (continued)**

have seen J. Mills he seems very well disposed for y'r interest by the time the Eliza is loaded I shall be able to say more ab't him. I observ'd H. Muse has sent for more goods he has not yet renew'd his Bond, but I dare say he will not refuse, and as he seems really better inclosed than any of y'r cargoe men, if his orders are moderate I w'd advise you to comply with them &

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Dec. 19. 1773

F.L. Lee

To Mr. Wm. Lee Esq.

By Cap. Mitchell

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## Francis Lightfoot Lee to William Lee, December 28, 1791

Dear Brother

When you left us, I kept beating my brains about the Esquire's account, and thinking he could not be so bad as to forge the Credits; and that it was possible from the length of time, & the multiplicity of important affairs which had filled our heads during that period; we might be mistaken; I determined to rummage all the old papers I had remaining scatter'd about my Room and I have found full proof that he is right & we are wrong. I have found full proof that he is right & we are wrong. I have found full proof that he is right & we are wrong. I have found a rough copy of my Acc't cur't with you some copies of my Letters to you and one copy of your Agency Acct with me dated 1774. In my Acct Cur't you are credited Nov. 4. 1788, By Acril for his assumpsit for Harrison £ 6.0.0. – May 10. 1769 By the Esq. on Acc't of his assumpsit it for Acril £ 15:0.0 –Nov. 8. 1770 By the Esq. on his assumpsit for Acril £ 30.0.0- which I think are the sums credited in the little acct. the Esq. showed you from me. In my Letter to you dated, Urbanna March 9th 1769. I say, "Harrison's debt I have got into Acrils hands, your horses I have sold for £ 30 20 of which I have none in my pocket in company with 20 more rec'd from Grayson for Adam's bond, & £ 6.0.0 from Acril all which you shall have as soon as possible."

In my Letter dated, Menokin July 13, 1772 by Rayson, I say, The Esq. became paymaster for Acril's assumpsit it for Harrison's debt, I have never been able to get him to settle, he has made some payments, I think you had better charge him with it, & credit him with the payments, which he can inform you of; he will never settle with me. –

I find in 1770 a promise to send you annually a copy of my acc't Cur't but cannot find that I did so. however I know for a certainty that

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that in 1775 Mr. Brown had it, & that as I had not charged in it the Expences I had incurred in doing your business but noted them in Memorandums, & some not noted at

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**Francis Lightfoot Lee to William Lee, December 28, 1791**

all, to save trouble we stated them at £ 10 Cur'cy per Annum. without this my Acct Cur't was even & accurately corresponds with your agency acc't against me as you may at any time see. however the Esq. is right & must of course be allowed his credits. I am still very certain I never rec'd any cash from him & have but some dark glimmering of how he made the payments. I think he helped to pay for Adderton's bills. & that he settled some account of Mr. Giberne's in Wmsburg on acct. of the three L'ds of tob'o I bot of him for you. I see in my Letter to you, I express my fears of not being able to get from your debtors enough to pay Giberne. The conclusion of all is, we are wrong and if the Esq. was not the oddest man in the world the mistake would never have happened \_\_\_ have been rectified long ago. a hint from his tenacious memory would in a moment have sets all to rights

The weather has been rather cold, but upon the whole favorable for you, since you left us; therefore hope you got home safe & sound; & found every thing so so; not withstanding your desponding forebodings

I am every Your Afft Bro'r

F. L. Lee

Dec. 28.1791

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**Francis Lightfoot Lee to John Tayloe III, June 23, 1795**

My dear Sir,

By the Acct. sent you by the Trustees they call on your generosity to pay compound Int't. on the Legacy due from your Estate. In my opinion there is no Equity in it; & that there is no kind of obligation on you to pay more than the Principal, & ballance of simple interest due. Can you spare Ben for an hour or two, to fix up my Thermometer; which has arrived safe & sound. Love to Mt. Airy.  
Y'rs. afftly

Fr. L. Lee

June 23d. 1795

F.L. Lee-

23d June 95

his opinion of

\_\_\_ J. \_\_\_

-Claim-

John Tayloe esq.

Mr. Airy

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**Francis Lightfoot Lee to George Turberville, August 29, 1784**

Dear Sir,

Menokin Aug: 29,1784

Mr. Hall & Mr. Mossop wait upon you; Mr. Mossop to see how he likes my horse that will not draw in pair; if he likes him he is to give me what I gave for him, & what corn you charge me with for him. Mr. Hall is Try his Horse with my other one, & if you think he will answer, we shall probably bargain. You will be so good as to give me your opinion of Mr. Hall's horse, what you think him worth for tho I think him past prime, if he will draw well, I will take him, till I can get a better match. If Mr. Mossop approves my horse, & you think Mr. Hall's will answer my purpose, I believe the Gentlemen propose to bring the Horses up.

Our best Love to Mrs. Turberville & the young ones.

I am Dear Sir,

Your aff't. friend & cer

F.L. Lee

I have been informed you know a horse up the Country a match for mine, that may be [illegible, torn] if you think his price reasonab[le] [illegible, torn] I should be glad to have him.

On back:

George Turberville Esq.

of

Peckatone

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**Francis Lightfoot Lee to Unidentified Addressee, October 27, 1768**

Nomony Oct'o 27.<sup>th</sup> 1768

Dear Sir,

Inclosed you have Col. Harrison's papers [illegible] the acct. with the protested Bill, & the order upon [illegible, torn] Harrison told one he wou[ld] give positive directions to Fitzhugh to settle & pay off, If he shou'd fail apply to Acrill & upon his acceptance & failing to pay the cash, have him arrested immediatly in the Court of Hustings, or York Court. You will observe that the Bonds of Eaton, Baird & Ramsey amount to 10 £ more than is credited which 10 L Col. Harrison [gifte]d Mr. Lee for a [illegible]& allowd him in the Bonds at their settlement, there was also exchange of 20 £ against Mr. Lee, which he ballanced by the pay[ment] of the inspection of 4 L'ds. Tob'o for Col. Harrison tho th[ese] things were all settled by Mr. Lee & Col. H. yet I mention them to you, least they should be again bro't up. As Acrill is a better man (you know what I mean) than the Col. Harrison don't be put off by Fitzhugh, but upon the least hesitation apply to & p[ro]ceed with Acrill or above mention'd. Tho the Order on Acrill when given was for the full bill: yet as it has not been paid, there is 10 per't interest [illegible, torn] if it dates as the Bill is not [illegible] charged; which he ought to pay, bu[t] if he refuses it, take the princip [illegible] & I must look to Col. H. for the Interest you have inclosed an [illegible]misory notes of Mr. Templemans for Lee which you will surely receive, with it, & Harrison's money loss good to buy me good London bills, & bring them up with you. I am just on my way home, without any news, shou'd be glad to have some from you [Go]d bless you, adieu

Francis Light: Lee

Along the side it says: "Take care of the Papers that shall be left"

Papers relative

to Harrison's & Acril's Debt

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### **Arthur Lee to Francis Lightfoot Lee, November 7, 1779**

Paris Nov 7. 1779

Francis L. Lee. Esqr.

Dear Brother, I have not heard of or from you since your Letter from Mr. Lloyd's on your way home. Political Relations were in all times & in all Countries precarious & perplex-ing With us they must be extraordinarily, so Patience therefore & attention are necessary as well for the public good as for our private satisfaction. There is too much at stake to permit men of principle to abandon the public, because bad ones have a temporary credit & sway. The worse they are, the more danger there is in leaving the public entirely in their management. If, as is not improbable it should be proposed to settle with Congress for what I have advanced for the seat instead of repaying me, it will leave me without subsistence for that was the only fund I had for my Expenses Dr. Franklin has positively refused to advance me any out of the public money in his hands, & you know how little we can rely on remittances from Philadelphia The Services I have

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rendered the State well therefore have brought upon me the severest distress & in all probability the censure too of Congress.

The events of the campaign have not answered our expectations nor those of Europe. The boldness of the Enemy which defied Armaments apparently adequate & intended for their destruction has exalted their character, & the little injury they have suffered from the combined forces of the House of Bourbon will give them credit & perhaps Allies. In short the war has every appearance of training into length; & the active part of it will be against you if D'Estaing's assistance should not enable [scratched out you] our Army to crush the head & heart of their predatory bands at N. York,

My only hope is in this. The proceedings of Congress have thrown such an appearance of dishonor on my character, that I have determin'd not to go as their Minister to Spain, without new Credentials which shall efface what has pass'd. If they do not

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**Arthur Lee to Francis Lightfoot Lee, November 7, 1779 (continued)**

chuse to do this, they will recal me; & do I shall hope to have the happiness of Embracing you in the Spring.

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## William Lee to Francis Lightfoot Lee February 10, 1770

Francis Lightfoot Lee Esq'r

London Feb 10. 1770

Dear Sir

We are sorry it has not been in our power to get Cap'n Walker away sooner, but hope you have been providing for him, as our W. Lee has by several opportunities advised you that we should certainly send him out as soon as possible. According to the plan settled with you, the Cap'n is directed to apply particularly to the hon'ble Phil. Lud. Lee & Rec'd Lee Esq'r about procuring consignments without letting either of them know the particular application to the other, and in the execution of this plan, we hope you will assent him; for as you well know the parties, and the expectations each of them have you must be sensible how necessary some ma-nagement will be in this business: and for [illegible] guidance, we inclose you copies of of our Letters to each of those Gentlemen- Col P L writes to our W.L that he must hear the whole direction of the ship or he can do nothing in this he is apparently indulged: and [illegible] Lee log expects the com'n for purchasing; but this

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we can't at present approve of- Thus being acquainted with out Intentions & observing the intire confedince we repose in you, we trust you will so precedently I secretly execute the following requests as to prevent any umbrage being given to either of those Gentlemen from whome we ex-pect much [illegible] in the consignment way Cap'n Walker is to be in yeocomico, but as we would not chuse he should stay long in the Country having given him positive orders to sail by the first or middle of July at farthest. Or soon as he has taken in his rounds, if it appears that he can't get his full Load to our address we would rather chuse him to fill her up on liberty, if it can be done in a reasonable time. if neither of these can be done she must be loaded with purchase: but

if tis possible to avoid purchasing we would wish it to be so, being desirous of confining ourselves to the consignment business alone. If it is found necessary to purchase as far as one Hundred & fifty Hogsheads of Tobacco, we desire you to do it, provided you

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**William Lee to Francis Lightfoot Lee February 10, 1770 (continued)**

can get it at 20<sup>s</sup> Ster.g & Cent for York River Tob<sup>o</sup> or at Urbanna warehouse at 18/ or 19/ Ster L & C for good upland Rapahanock or Potomac Tobacco The Bills for it to be drawn on us at 60 days [illegible] and not before the ship is sail'd: but if tis possible to delay drawing the Bills till the october Court, we beg it may be done as it will be a considerable advantage to us. The Matapony Tob<sup>o</sup>. is esteem'd only upon a par with the upland Rapahanoc Tobacco. It is of some advantage in [illegible] Craft heir & forwarding the dispatch of the ship to have the Tobacco that is purchased. concurrent to her. but the Yorkriver Tobacco allways commands much readier sale here than that of the other Rivers, and if you do purchase we think it would be best for you to go to Hanover Court and make it there; in which can the ship case the ship might go round to York river I take it in

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but should the price there not answer we must rely on you to do the best in Potomac & Rapahanoc If it is inconvenient for you to take on yourself this purchase, we would recommend you to apply to Mr James Mills, who will probably be glad of the commission & would easily contrive to delay drawing the Bills till october which will be a very material consideration with us I would very likely in that can agree to consign us 40. or 50 Hhds himself. you will always remember that the purchase is to appear as if made on your own account, that the Esquire & Col Phil- may know nothing of the matter, and the more effectually to prevent its being known the Tobacco had better be ship'd in [illegible] planters names that are in the Notes tho' the Capn may give one general Bill of loading as ship't by you. Its probable the Esquire would agree, if you were to propose it for you two to buy 50 Hogsheads in partners-hip to consign to us which he might do. to good advantage, and if he agrees to it the bills may be drawn on us for the whole purchase at 60 days sight, any time after the ship sails and if you chuse it

we will take your half of the purchase on ourselves. We beg you will inform us by every opportunity both to this and the outports, how Cap'n Walker goes on in his load, and if any purchase is made for us by the earliest & sundry opportunities give us a Pull acco't-

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**William Lee to Francis Lightfoot Lee February 10, 1770 (continued)**

thereof that we may make our insurances, accord--ingly- As we think it will not be prudent to give higher price for Tobacco that can be purchasd in the Country than what is above mentioned (tho we are not without hopes from the general acco'ts and the quantity of Tobacco made, that it may be got cheaper) If the ship cannot be loaded in time to use or on liberty & you can't buy at the price we have [illegible], we know no other method than to fill her up with pipe slaves, and dispatch

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her as fast as possible; that we may not lose both the commission and in the freight of the ship should you have already purchased any Tobacco for our W. Lee you will plan to keep that seperate from what may be purchased on account of the House, and transmit with it an acco't of the particular time when such purchase was made. If you have in your hands any money of our W. lee's Cap'n Walker should want any for the disburstments of the ship, you will please to supply him & take his Dr't on us for the same at the time he receives it- We think it needless to say any thing about consignments as you know it is our wish in the first place to have the ship loaded to our address and as the inclosed Letters will fully inform you of our Ideas of them --We only would wish you particularly to consider the Article of our Commision & give us freely fully & candidly, yours, and the gen-eral opinion of it- By the last advices from Virginia we find the exchange is very low, should this continue to be the case, you must consider it as a still stronger inducement for you to suspend drawing Bills as long as possible thereby takeing the chance of their riseing, for we ap--prehend they canot continue so very low as at present- should you contract for Tobacco in currency you will see at once, that this matter is worth at-tending to, and should there be a great probability of Sterling Bills of Excl.'a riseing, & no danger of their falling you would do well to make all your agree-ments in currency

(Carried to fo: 33)

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**William Lee to Francis Lightfoot & Richard Henry Lee, August 9, 1771**

Richard Henry & Francis Lightfoot Lee Esq'r

My Dear Brothers                      London Aug. 9.<sup>th</sup> 1771

I approve y.'r plan ab.'t the Power of Att.'y mention'd in my B'r R.H. Lees letter of June 4<sup>th</sup>; but if it was practicable to be done securely & properly, I shou'd much rather have the whole estate rented for a term of years, at £ 500 Ster P: p. An: pay'le half yearly on the Change of London. In the power of Att'y, you shall have authority to sell or lease. The limit you mention of £ 10,000 Sterl: is I think too small, for suppos. the estate w.'d only sell for what it was valued at, it must neat much more. It was valued above £ 15,000 Cur'cy which is £ 12,000 Ster. & surely the expence of sell.g w'd never am.'t to £ 2,000 Ster. w'ch w.'d be 20 P.C'y However these points will be better consider'd hereafter; at pre[se]nt, I want y.'r advice upon the following extract from a letter from M't. R.C. Nicholas dated [illegible] 1<sup>st</sup> of May & Cary Wilkinsons letter, inclosed as it came [illegible] an[d] dated May 26. both which were rec.'d very lately & by the sam[e] conveyance.

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Mr. Nicholas says, "it always gives me great pleasure "to serve my friends, but I really have so much public "business on hand that I have scarce time to attend "to my own private affairs, & the proper conducting of "a very large growing Family; you will from hence be "convinced that it is not in my power to attend to y.'r "business in the manner you, perhaps, may expect "& I cou'd wish; you have a very faithful Steward; he "is the man I sh.'d prefer to any other; I know him well, "he is a man of generous sentiments, as well as great "skill & industry in business, & I am sure deserves your "utmost confidence".—I shall make no remark on this extract & letter; but beg your observations on them & y.'r advice what to do, after declaring that I know not the least cause of offence, I have ever given Mr. Nicholas; on the Contrary have always approv'd what he has done. Let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Transcribed by Sarah L. Jones  
Menokin Foundation Intern, Summer 2003  
Yale University Class of 2006

God Bless you both A Y'rs  
Farewell William Lee.

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### John Tayloe III Inventory, 1808

Inventory Continued for 1808

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Menokin Plant'n

names	age	value
Abram	37	90
Aaron	31	90
Jacob	21	90
Motley	31	70
Peggy	28	70
Morella	23	70
Fanny	16	70
Rose	15	70
[]ouse, Lucky	20	70
Old Judy	71	20
Girl Beck	11	60
Boy [ ]ck	10	60
John, Motlys	3[7?]	80
	860	

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	age	value
Amt. brot. forward		860
Sarah }	9	50
James } Peggy	6	40
Simon }	2	20

Jenny (Morilla's Infant)	15
4 mules a £ 30	120

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**John Tayloe III Inventory, 1808 (continued)**

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1 Colt		30
33 Sheep a 12/		19 16
56 Hogs 10/		28
6 Half-Share plows		6
5 B. Share Ditto		10
2 Summer Ditto		2
[_] new pound D		2
6 malise. cy 10/		3
6 Weeding Hoes 6/		16
6 [_]illing Ditto 5/		1 10
3 Spades		18
1 drawing Knife		3
1 hand Saw		12
2 pr. mauling wedges		12
2 Hand [_]ows	6	
3 Chipels 4	2/	6
4 Axes a 10/		2
1 Hatchett		4 6
1 Grass Seythe		9 0
3 ox chains	a 18/	2 14 0
4 D. Yokes	a 6/	1 4
Carried Fow'd.		£ 148 10 6

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**John Tayloe III Inventory, 1808 (continued)**

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Inventory Continued for 1808

Menokin cont.

amt. brot fow'd.		1118	10	6
2 Pitch Forks a 3/			6	
2 Iron tooth Harrows			18	
1 Wood Ditto			6	
2 Hoe Ditto		1	10	
3 Mobby Hands		1	7	
3 barks 10/		1	10	
1 Wheat fan		5	00	
1 Waggon		20	00	
1 bart		15	00	
1 Turnbrel		15	00	
1 half Bushel			18	0
1 Corn Tub			12	0
6 fodder Knives			6	
1 Grind Stone			12	0
5 Sett Gear Comt		5	00	
6 oxen £5		30	00	
8 bows	4	32	00	
5 Heifers	4	20	00	
5 Yearlings	3	15	00	
1 Bull		6	00	
2 Yg Steers		8	00	

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**John Tayloe III Inventory, 1808 (continued)**

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1006 ½}

Land}

40 D. Marsk}                    3319.10                    1106 ½ a £ 3-}

Menokin                    £ 4616 15 6

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**John Tayloe III Inventory, 1808 (continued)**

Nominal Value of each Plantation  
belonging to John Tayloe Esq'r  
in the Mount Airy Department V\_\_

Forkland Plant'n	3591 14 0
Old House Ditto	9062 17 0
Drs Hall Ditto	6653 [ill] 0
Marske Ditto	1070 14 0
Gwinfield Ditto	16409 18 0
Menokin Ditto	4616 15 6
Hopyard Ditto	13017 8 0
Oaken Brow Ditto	13250 11 0
Mount Airy	29880 7 0
	£ 98, 051 9 6

B I wish the above Valuation could be realized  
its certainly much too great-

JT

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## John Tayloe III Inventory, 1809

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Menokin Plant'n

(Cornelius Beazley overseer)

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Names	age	Nominal Value
Abram JTL	38	80
Aaron JTL	32	80
1 Jacob_GH	22	80
Motley JTL	32	70
Peggy JTL	29	70
2 Morella 2[_]	24	70
3 Fanny 3 brh	17	70
4 Rose 4 brh	16	70
Lucky [_]	21	70
5 Beck 5 GH	12	60
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Amt. Car'd. F'd.		£ 720

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**John Tayloe III Inventory, 1809 (continued)**

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Menokin Continued

Names	age	Nom'l Value
Amt. bro't f'd	£	720
6 Arthur D Hall	11	60
John, Motleys,	4	30
Sarah }	10	60
James }Peggys	7	50
Simon }	3	30
Agga }	1	15
Jenny (Morilla)	1	15
4 mules @	30£	120
43 Sheep	a121	25 16
65 Hogs all Sizes		32 10
6 H. Share plows		6 -
6 B.S. Ditto		12-
2 Summer D'o & 1 N. ground 4-		
6 Mattocks & 2 Spades		3 12
6 N Hoes Gf GH D'r 5/		3 6
1 D. Knife. 1 H Saw		12
2 pair Mauly Wedges		12
2 [illegible]		12
4 axes. 1 Hatchet		2 6
1 Grass Seythe		9
3 ox chains 4 D Yokes		4 16
2 pitch forks 5 Harrow		2 8
3 Stands 1 W'th fan		6 16

1 Waggon 30

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**John Tayloe III Inventory, 1809 (continued)**

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		[Nom'l Value]
1 Cart		20
1 Lumber		15
1 Corn Seed		6
6 fodder Knives		6
1 Grind Stone		12
5 Setts Gees		3
5 oxen	a5	25
5 Cows	a4	20
6 Heifers	a3	18
7 Young Steers		20
5 Yearlings	20/	5
1 Bull		5
1066 ½ acres Land}		
40 D'o. marsh}		3319.10
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1106 ½ D'o a		£3
Menokin		£ 4693-09
N.V.-		

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## John Tayloe III Inventory, 1809

Mount Airy 1809

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Names	age	Nom'l Value
Archy}	38	80
Peter}	32	80
John}	24	80
Joe}	15	80
Marcus} House	62	50
Betsy} Servants	59	50
Frank}	43	70
Toby}	21	70
Lucy}	14	70
Winney} 10	29	70
Billy}	53	70
Billy} (young) Cooks	14	80
Joice} 3		
Beck}	51	70
Nancy} Dairy 2	17	70
Nanny (Landry)	52	70
Harry} Coachmen	31	80
Yowen} 2	20	80

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**John Tayloe III Inventory, 1809 (continued)**

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[Names]	[age]	[Nom'l Value]
Sam }	52	80
Mark } Grooms	23	80
Peter } 3	53	50
Adam (Jocky __	18	80
Gasfrey }	28	80
Dick }	23	80
Horace } Gardners	18	80
John } 4	14	70
Joe }	42	80
Ruffise } Shoemakers	24	80
Jac (big) } 4	23	80
Jac (little) }	11	60
Jayrll }	54	80
Tom }	40	80
Lewis } Smiths	37	80
Jerry }	18	80
Gerrard } 5	14	70
James }	24	80
Ben } Joiners	53	60
Abram }	37	60

Moses} 4 13 60

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**John Tayloe III Inventory, 1809 (continued)**

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[Names]	[age]	[Nom'l Value]
Billy}	33	80
Cyrus} Masons	17	80
John} 3	61	<u>50</u>
amt car'd for'd.		£ 3050

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Names	age	Nom'l Value
Am't bro't forw'd		3050
Charles}	42	80
John}	39	80
Andrew}	35	80
Aaron}	28	80
Will}	33	80
Phill} Carpenters	21	80
Billy}	22	80
Joe}	19	80
Harry}	43	80
Tom}	15	80
Paul}	12	80
Henry} 12	12	80

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**John Tayloe III Inventory, 1809 (continued)**

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[Names]	[age]	[Nom'l Value]
Ben }	34	80
Erias }	39	80
Prince }	24	80
Joe }	25	80
Tom } dobbers	43	80
Jacob }	23	80
Marcus } 7	12	80
Barnsby (Waggoner)	35	80
Cato }	43	40
Sam } Ginnors 2	25	40
Israel }	43	80
James } Weavers 2	20	70
Betsy }	32	70
Agga }	32	70
Lizza }	28	70
Priller[?]	41	70
Elsy } Spinners	37	70
Winney }	44	70
Izzria }	38	70
Nancy }	53	40
Grace }	20	70
Else }	25	70
Judy }	40	70

Eve}		16	70
Winney}	13	13	70

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**John Tayloe III Inventory, 1809 (continued)**

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Sanoy}		33	80
Rolly}		35	80
Bill} Sailors		25	80
Sam}		19	80
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am't car f'd			£ 6080

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**John Tayloe III Inventory, 1809 (continued)**

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Mount Airy continued 1809

Names	age	Nom'l Value
Am't bro't forw'd		6080
Patty (Hen House)	62	40
Tom}	9	50
Fanny} Franks	4	25
Eliza}	1	15
Michael}	9	50
Kitty} Agga's	4	25
Caroline}	2	20
P. Annah}	4 mos.	15
Jenny}	9	50
Tho's}	8	50
Betsy} Eloys	5	30
Peter}	2	20
[Illegible]		
Judy (Lizzas)	5	30
Betsy}	11	60
Esther} [ ]nney's	7	50

Henry}	7	50
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**John Tayloe III Inventory, 1809 (continued)**

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Nancy (Elses)	9	50
Richard (Nancys)	1	15
Kitty (Janes)	1	15
Elsy (Betsys)	4 mo.	15
Ta[ ] (Mary's D. Hall)	7	50

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