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Description: George Washington letter to Tobias Lear

Savannah May 13th 1791

Dear Sir,

I have not, I believe, writ ten to you since I left Richmond. – At Charl ston, towards the last of my stay there, I received your letters of the 10th & 15th of Apl but the continual hurry into which I was thrown by entertainments – visits – and ceremonies of one kind or another, scarcely allowed me a moment that I could call my own – nor is the case much otherwise here.

No letters North of Virginia will now reach me until I arrive at Fredericksburg in that State, which is the first place at which I shall strike the line of the Post. – there are no cross-posts on this side Alex andria, and the chances of letters getting to me by private hands, as my rout back will be very wide of the Post-Road is so un favourable that I have ordered all letters to be stopped at Charleston and sent back to the Post Office in Fredericksburg to await my arrival there.—

The silence of Frauncis is evi: dence sufficient that nothing is to be expected from him and if your prospects with the other person mentioned in your letters are no better, the plan suggested in your letter of the 15. may be tried as the best expedient t offers. - a little experience and there is time for it before the next meeting often gress) with prove the utility or inutility I came to this place or Thursday aftersoon, and shak leave it homemen after attending the first Church. The Road are aborinable Sandy of heavy - my hones lesse cially the two I bought just before I left thile delphia of my old white horse lare much won down-and I have yet 150 or 200 miles of lea by sand to pass before I fairly get into the upper offirmer loads. Offer my best wishe to his Lear here the the child & yourself are in good healf. - Isemais your sincere and affectionate freeze

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I came to this place on Thursday afternoon, and shall leave it tomorrow, after attending the first Church. — The Roads are abominably sandy & heavy – my horses (espe cially the two I bought just before I left Phila delphia, & my old white horse) are much worn down – and I have yet 150 or 200 miles of hea vy sand to pass before I fairly get into the upper, & firmer Roads. —

Offer my best wishes to M^{rs} Lear I hope she the child & yourself are in good health. – I remain your sincere and Affectionate friend G Washington