



Savannah May 13th 1791

Dear Sir,

I have not, I believe, written to you since I left Richmond. – At Charleston, towards the last of my stay there, I received your letters of the 10th & 15th of April 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 Alexandria, and the chances of letters getting to me by private hands, as my route back will be very wide of the Post-Road is so unfavourable 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.—

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Description: George Washington letter to Tobias Lear

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