Danville, Ky, Feb 3, 1822

Honoured Sir,

Yours of the 11 of Dec.

I received; words are wanting to express my gratitude for your kindness, a remembrance of which shall descend with me to the grave, although, I assure you, that a simple lack of your hair, whitened by the frosts of 79 winters, would have been received with equal respect, and a degree of veneration. I addressed you from pure motives, your receiving it as such, has rendered me supremely happy, and could I believe as you do, that thousands
have acted from the same disinterested motives, that have ever characterized your life, gladly would I, but I fear true patriotism will be lost in the death of Mr. Jefferson. I will trespass no longer on your patience, (not to have returned you thanks, would have made me uneasy) but merely observe, that in the humble capacity of an Abecedarian, I obtain a competency, which is the height of my ambition, and that to the list of friends in the West, I may add the names of Joshua Fry Esq'r and F.F.
Marry formerly of Abernethy. May your few remaining days be tranquil and happy, and when the messenger of Death shall receive his mandate to put a final period to your earthly existence, may you pass without fear the gloomy vale, that separates him from eternity, and be cheered with the welcome sound, of well done thou good and faithful servant.

with emotions too great for utterance I subscribe myself your sincere admirer

Duncan Forbes Robertson
The Hon. Thomas Jefferson
Charlottesville, Virginia