Richmond Oct. the 7th of Augst. 1836.

My venerable and noble friend,

It is nearly seven years since I have had the pleasure to write to you. The reason why I have corresponded with my patron and old friend of Garnantown—was by that way I had regularly the opportunity to hear from you through him—but for some time past I have not heard from him. I am very anxious to know how you are and your good lady. I will never forget the sweet moments I have spent with you and your amiable sons at Garnantown... for several years I have lived in the family of Bishop Ozy as teacher to his children and as professor of modern languages at the Female Institute of Columbia; but now being...
in my Seventy-first year and after having been a
Both cousin of the last President of the
United States has taken me into his mansion
as a member of his family for the
present. I had received some five hundred
pounds from the French Government
with expectations of receiving my half-pay
I have trust that money to a merchant
and by his Banker I have lost all.
Sure I am never to bear us now
Since the proceedings of the French Republic
I have received nothing from that government
but for my promise. This is how my
painful situation in my old age...
I will set this opportunity to commend
to your notice a young man who has been
died at the Naval School of Annapolis
his name is James B. Beale. His grandfather
was an officer in the American revolution
and member of the Order of Cincinnati.
If you should be present at their
Examination I beg of your kindness to pay
some some attention. I know of your
sight his delicate Brother who is
the cashier of the Bank of Columbia.
and also you will confer upon me a great
favour. Be so kind as to apprise
me — and let me know how you are
and your true lady — If you hear from
my good friend miss...
that I am very anxious to hear from them.
My respects to your dear lady
and your noble Proctor receive
the assurance of my eternal gratitude
for your kindness to me.

Harriet E. McElhaney

My Dear Mr.
At Alexandria Hotel the residence of Alexander Hall
New Columbia Tennessee