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JEFFERSON THE WRITER

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### NOTES

### A NOTE ON SOURCES

Tefferson biography has been written mostly by political historians. The biographical emphasis has been on Jefferson as a political figure and political thinker. There are many fine biographical and analytical books about different periods in his life, especially his authorship of the Declaration; there are fine studies of his intellectual development, his personality, his engagement with his peers, his family relationships, his life as a slave-owner, and his relationship with his mistress, Sally Hemings. Dumas Malone deserves credit for his pioneering six-volume biography. So too does Fawn Brodie for her pathbreaking Thomas Jefferson: An Intimate History, the prelude to later fine explorations of Jefferson in excellent books by Peter Onuf, Joseph Ellis, Annette Gordon-Reed, and a host of exemplary scholars whose names anchor the endnotes to this book. No Jefferson biographer can avoid an immense debt to Julian Boyd and his heirs, the editors of the main series and the retirement series of The Papers of Thomas Jefferson.

This biography is anchored in primary sources, particularly Jefferson's own words. It is also indebted to many secondary sources.

Some are broad biographies and/or historical and interpretive overviews of aspects of Jefferson's culture, context, career, mind, and life. Some are focused on a particular issue or period. It would be tedious to acknowledge repeatedly in my notes the books that have influenced my overall approach to Jefferson and his world. The selective bibliography that follows these notes will suffice to direct the reader toward this valuable secondary literature. In the instances in which the narrative draws on a focused subject, such as Jefferson as a lawyer or Jefferson and the French Revolution, I have cited these works in the notes as books that I have relied on for my narrative in some particular way.

The vast majority of the citations are to Jefferson's own words. All such quotations come from The Papers of Thomas Jefferson, Main Series, 1760-1809, edited by Julian P. Boyd et al., vols. 1-42, currently to March 1804 (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1950-); or from The Papers of Thomas Jefferson, Retirement Series, 1809–1826, edited by James P. McClure and Jefferson Looney et al., vols. 1-21, currently to April 1818 (Charlottesville, VA: Thomas Jefferson Foundation, 2015-). The Rotunda Press at the University of Virginia Press provides digital versions of both series. The National Archives Founders Online website created by the Library of Congress contains the Thomas Jefferson Papers without the annotation that the Rotunda and the printed versions provide. I have sometimes quoted from the footnotes in the main series, using Boyd as the citation attribution. The extraordinary contribution of these editors and sponsors has made this book feasible. No biographer of Jefferson can overpraise the editors of the Thomas Jefferson Papers.

With a rationale that will not please those editors, however, I have often modernized Jefferson's punctuation, abbreviations, spelling, and contractions (especially his use of "its" for "it's" and vice versa), as well as his practice of starting a sentence with a lowercase letter. In a book for a general readership, readability trumps originalism. I have also dispensed with the convention of "p." for page and "pp." for

pages in citations when what is being indicated is already obvious. The name of every correspondent who has three or more instances in the citations appears as an abbreviation, as below. All of the citations from letters by and to Jefferson come from the *Thomas Jefferson Papers*, the main series or the retirement series, with the exception of those letters not yet published in the *Papers* but which are available in the Founders Online series. It seems to me an unnecessary formality to include in each citation anything more than the name of the correspondent and the date of the letter. Those interested in examining the citation in relation to the letter in which it appears can use a search engine to locate the letter in the *Thomas Jefferson Papers*, which requires paid access, or on Founders Online, made freely available by the Library of Congress. The same is the case for all of Jefferson's writings. I've given a fuller citation in the rare instances in which Jefferson's words come from a source other than these.

### ABBREVIATIONS

AA: Abigail Adams

AB: Aaron Burr

AC: Angelica Church

AD: Alexander Donald

BF: Benjamin Franklin

Boyd: Julian P. Boyd, et al.

BR: Benjamin Rush

EP: Edmund Pendleton

EWR: Ellen Wayles Randolph (Coolidge)

FE: Francis Eppes

GG: George Gilmer

GRC: George Rogers Clark

GW: George Washington

JA: John Adams

JBD: John-Baptiste Ducoigne

JJ: John Jay

JO: James Ogilvie

JM: James Madison

JM1: James Monroe

JP: John Page

JR: John Randolph

JT: John Trumbull

MC: Maria Cosway

MP: Mann Page

MJ: Mary Jefferson (Eppes)

MJR: Martha Jefferson Randolph

MVB: Martin Van Buren

NL: Nicholas Lewis

PC: Peter Carr

RP: Richard Price

TJ: Thomas Jefferson

TJA: Autobiography (New York: Library of America, 1984).

TJP: Thomas Jefferson Papers

 $TJR: Thomas\ Jefferson\ Randolph$ 

TMR: Thomas Mann Randolph Jr.

TP: Tom Paine

WCN: Wilson Cary Nicholas

WGM: William Green Munford

WS: William Short

WS1: William Small

WSS: William Stephens Smith

### CHAPTER ONE: MY WATCH HAD LOST ITS SPEECH

- a good poem: Robert Frost, Collected Poems, Prose, and Plays (Library of America, New York, 1995), 336. In Rodgers and Hammerstein's Oklahoma, the chorus sings a celebratory version of the theme of Frost's poem: "We know we belong to the land / And the land we belong to is grand." The United States government opened Oklahoma, the last of the territories labeled Indian Territory, to white settlement in 1907. The people of the musical Oklahoma are beneficiaries of the belief, from the colonial period on, that in regard to real estate owned by Indian tribes, white Christian expropriation has no moral implications. In his personal life, Jefferson was not an exponent or practitioner of expropriation. As a political leader, his synonym for expropriation was assimilation. In his personal life, he was owned by the land he inherited, "possessed" in Frost's sense. Regarding Indian land, see Daniel Immerwahr, How to Hide an Empire: A History of the Greater United States (New York: Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2019).
- Without land ownership: See T. H. Breen, Tobacco Culture: The Mentality of the Great Tidewater Planters on the Eve of Revolution (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1985); Robert G. Kennedy, Mr. Jefferson's Lost Cause: Land, Farmers, Slavery, and the Louisiana Purchase (New York: Oxford University Press, 2003); Christopher Michael Curtis, Jefferson's Freeholders and the Politics of Ownership in the Old Dominion (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2012); and Simon Winchester, Land: How the Hunger for Ownership Shaped the Modern World (New York: Harper, 2021). There is an extensive literature on TJ and slavery, starting with TJ's own words in Notes on the State of Virginia (see chapter 10), in his discussions of slaves, slavery, manumission, colonization, and emancipation in his letters, and in prominent books in the Jefferson bibliography, especially overviews and biographies.
- 4 "on which I was born and live": TJA, 3-4.
- 5 the family home, Shadwell: See Susan Kern, The Jeffersons at Shadwell (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2010).
- 6 "To state the differences between": TJ/William Wirt, 8/5/1815.
- 7 "had lost her speech": TJ/JP, 12/25/1762.
- 8 "This very day": TJ/JP, 12/25/1762.
- 8 "3d or 4th settler": TJA, 3.
- 8 "were somewhat greater": TJ/JP, 12/25/1762.
- 9 "When I went to bed": TJ/JP, 12/25/1762.
- 10 had fallen in love with: TJ/JP, 12/25/1762.
- 12 "the mountain": TJ/John Harvie, 1/14/1760.

- 12 "I was at Colo. Peter Randolph's": TJ/John Harvie, 1/14/1760.
- 12 "when I recollect": TJ/TJR, 11/24/1808.
- 13 earliest memory: H. S. Randall, *Life of Thomas Jefferson* (New York: Derby and Jackson, 1958), 11, 111. See "Tuckahoe" in The Jefferson Monticello, https://Monticello.org, in *Thomas Jefferson Encyclopedia*.
- 13 "Whatever misfortunes may attend": TJ/JP, 12/25/1762.
- 16 "will not accept of my service": TJ/JP, 7/15/1763.
- 17 "Perfect happiness I believe": TJ/JP, 7/15/1763.
- 18 "In the most melancholy fit": TJ/JP, 10/7/1763.
- 20 "I began a regular course": TJ/TJR, 12/7/1808.
- 23 "faithful and beloved Mentor": TJ/William Duval, 6/14/1806.
- 23 "my most affectionate friend": TJA, 4-5; TJ, Notes for the biography of George Wythe, 8/30/1820.
- 23 "Under temptations and difficulties": TJ/John Saunderson, 8/31/1820.
- 24 "I am certain that this mode": TJ/TJR, 11/24/1808.
- 24 to become a lawyer: See Frank L. Dewey, Thomas Jefferson, Lawyer (Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 1986), 65–70; Edward Dumbaul, Thomas Jefferson and the Law (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1978); and "Jefferson, Thomas, and the Practice of Law," Encyclopedia Virginia, https://encyclopediavirginia.org.

# CHAPTER TWO: BUILDING HOUSES

- 35 "as I am convinced": George Wythe/TJ, 3/9/1770.
- 36 "we find it can no longer": TJ and others, Virginia Gazette, 3/20/1773.
- "his very affectionate speech": TJ, 5/8/1769. That the statement is "purely 36 ceremonial in nature" (Boyd, TJP 1.26) is debatable. Those who engage in such ceremonies usually do so because the ceremony represents community values. Does TJ believe that "the Interests of Great-Britain . . . shall ever be discussed on this ruling Principle, THAT HER INTERESTS, AND OURS, ARE INSEP-ARABLY THE SAME?" Or has the 1765 Stamp Act controversy given him pause, reservation, or even opposition to the rule of London? There seems to be no evidence to that effect. Why was he selected to write this resolution? Weren't there more senior members of the House who might have been asked? Was it a routine task, easily assigned to a new member, something a senior person would be happy not to be assigned? The language of the 1766 and the 1768 resolutions of thanks to the governor differs considerably from the language of the 1769 resolution. See TJ/William Wirt, 8/5/1815; and Henry Read McIlwaine and John Pendleton Kennedy, Journals of the House of Burgesses of Virginia: 1727/1734, 1736/1740 (Virginia State Library, 1905).
- 40 that it and other colonies could be provoked: There were additional issues in Virginia. The elite planters were finding it difficult to pay their debts to British merchants in a timely way or at all, partly because of the seasonal pattern

inherent in an agricultural economy. The gap between the delivery of products from Great Britain and the shipment of harvests to the European markets kept American balances usually in the red. British mercantile regulation required that foreign markets be accessed only through British ports. That made cash flow even more sluggish. Planters like Jefferson believed themselves to be rich. Extravagance was warranted, an expression of status and power. But credit, not tobacco, was king. And many planters spent beyond their means, avatars of extravagance. Sometimes they were victims of blight and bad weather. Bankruptcy lurked; it sometimes pounced. Even for the most competent, like Peter Jefferson, cash was in short supply. Debt was ever present. For some, it created high anxiety. The problem was the cyclic nature of eighteenth-century farming, but it was also the mercantile system, the coercive trading regulations that controlled commerce between Great Britain and its agricultural colonies. See Robert E. Sloan, Principle and Interest: Thomas Jefferson and the Problem of Debt (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 1995); and Robert E. Wright, One Nation Under Debt: Hamilton, Jefferson, and the History of What We Owe (New York: McGraw Hill, 2008).

- 42 "If in the Course": Resolutions for an Answer to Governor Botetourt's Speech, 5/8/1769.
- 44 "Being deeply affected": TJ signatory, Virginia Nonimportation Resolutions, 5/17/1769.
- 47 "I passed through": TJ/JP, 5/25/1766.
- 47 "I was surprised": TJ/JP, 5/25/1766.
- 48 "after a long, but agreeable trip": TJ/Francis Willis, 7/23/1766.
- 48 his little mountain: See Jack McLaughlin, Jefferson and Monticello: The Biography of a Builder (New York: Holt, 1988); and Roger G. Kennedy, Mr. Jefferson's Lost Cause: Land, Farmers, Slavery, and the Louisiana Purchase (New York: Oxford University Press, 2003).
- 50 "a Mulatto slave called Sandy": TJ, 9/7/1769, Advertisement for a Runaway Slave, Virginia Gazette.
- 51 "by which I am burned": TJ/JP, 2/21/1770.
- 52 "I have often thought": TJ/Charles W. Peale, 8/20/1811.
- 53 "To your committee therefore": TJ/Archibald Cary and Benjamin Harrison, 12/9/1774.
- 54 "Indeed I should be much happier": TJ/JP, 2/21/1770.
- 54 "the happiest man": TJ/JP, 2/21/1770.
- 56 "the compass from Double G.": TJ/Thomas Adams, 6/1/1771.
- 56 "Come then and bring our dear Tibby": TJ/Robert Skipwith, 8/3/1771.
- 57 expecting much from the marriage: Bond for Marriage License, 23 December 1771. "Know all men by these presents that we Thomas Jefferson and Francis Eppes are held and firmly bound to our sovereign lord the king his heirs and successors in the sum of fifty pounds current money of Virginia, to the payment of which, well and truly to be made we bind ourselves jointly and severally, our joint and several heirs executors and administrators in witness whereof we have hereto

set our hands and seals this twenty third day of December in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy one. The condition of the above obligation is such that if there be no lawful cause to obstruct a marriage intended to be had and solemnized between the above bound Thomas Jefferson and Martha Skelton of the county of Charles city, Widow [spinster], for which a license is desired, then this obligation is to be null and void; otherwise to remain in full force."

- 57 "My sister Skelton": Robert Skipwith/TJ, 9/20/1771.
- 57 "serves me for parlor": TJ/JO, 2/20/1771.
- 61 "We do not mean by this": Alexander McCaul/TJ, 8/26/1770.
- 61 "I Spent two Months": Alexander McCaul/TJ, 7/8/1772.
- 63 "I am not ashamed": TJ/Charles Macpherson, 2/25/1773.
- 63 "the greatest Poet": TJ/Charles Macpherson, 2/25/1773. See Thomas Curley, Samuel Johnson, the Ossian Fraud, and the Celtic Revival in Great Britain and Ireland (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009).
- 63 "I should be glad to accommodate": James Macpherson/Charles Macpherson, 8/7/1773.
- 65 One of Jefferson's friends: See https://encyclopediavirginia.org/entries/ogilvie-james-1773-1820.
- 66 "We took proper measures": TJ/JO, 2/20/1771. See TJ/Thomas Adams, 7/1/1770; TJ/Peyton Randolph, 7/23/1770; TJ/Thomas Adams, 2/20/1771; JO/TJ, 4/26/1771; and JO/TJ, 7/19/1771.
- 67 "My life has been": JO/TJ, 4/26/1771.
- 68 "I might to great advantage": JO/TJ, 7/19/1771; and Agreement with JR, October [i.e., April?] 11, 1771.
- 71 "no Reason why": JR/TJ, 8/31/1775.
- 73 "my best wishes": TJ/JR, 8/25/1775.
- 74 "restoration of our just rights": TJ/JR, 8/25/1775.
- 75 "Believe me dear sir": TJ/JR, 11/29/1775.
- 75 "the melancholy intelligence": TJ/JR, 11/29/1775.
- "It is an immense misfortune": TJ/JR, 11/29/1775. See Todd Cohen, "George III's Battle to Save an Empire," https://www.colonialwilliamsburg.org /trend-tradition-magazine/autumn-2018/george-iiis-battle-to-save-an-empire; and James P. Ambuske, "Mourning Thomas Jefferson's Estranged Father," Georgian Papers Programme. "The Georgian Papers Programme is an ambitious project to transform access to the extensive collection of Georgian papers held in the Royal Archives and Royal Library at Windsor Castle." See also Andrew Roberts, The Last King of America: The Misunderstood Reign of George III (New York: Viking, 2021).

# CHAPTER THREE: OUR GREAT GRIEVANCES

79 "the inhabitants of this city": Peyton Randolph and Others to Members of the Late House of Burgesses, Williamsburg, 5/31/1774.

- 79 "The most effectual Assistance": Randolph and Others ..., 5/31/1774.
- 81 Smuggling was an age-old practice: See Joshua M. Smith, Borderland Smuggling: Patriots, Loyalists, and Illicit Trade in the Northeast, 1783–1820 (Gaines-ville: University Press of Florida, 2019).
- 83 "divine Interposition": Resolution of the House of Burgesses Designating a Day of Fasting and Prayer, 5/27/1774.
- 83 "A tender regard": Association of Members of the Late House of Burgesses, 5/27/1774; and Proceedings of a Meeting of Representatives in Williamsburg, 5/30/1774.
- 84 "With the help therefore": TJA, 8.
- 85 "the Freeholders of Albemarle County": At a meeting of the freeholders of the county of Albemarle, 7/26/1774.
- 86 "common rights of mankind": At a meeting of the freeholders of the county of Albemarle, 7/26/1774.
- 88 "My creed had been formed": TJ, "Memorandum on Instructions to Virginia Delegates to Congress in 1774," 1820 (?), "Historical and Bibliographical Notes on A Summary View of the Rights of British America," TJP 1.671.
- 88 "Before I left home": TJ, "Memorandum on Instructions ...," 671.
- 90 "Tamer Sentiments": TJ, "Memorandum on Instructions . . . ," 670.
- 90 "hope that this their joint address": TJ, Draft of Instructions to the Virginia Delegates in the Continental Congress [A Summary View of the Rights of British America], 7/1774.
- 91 "For themselves they fought": TJ, Draft of Instructions . . . [A Summary View...], 7/1774. The claim that the British colonies in America were "conquered" by individuals exclusively acting as private citizens rather than as British citizens and consequently entitled to govern themselves independent of British legal, constitutional, and Parliamentary authority is an ahistorical claim, an "alternative fact." It is belied by innumerable expressions and acts of fealty during the colonial period. Jefferson's father had accepted and affirmed the legitimacy of every royal governor. Also, it is hard to maintain one's rational perspective and still claim that in the eighteenth century the king was not "in Parliament" and the Parliament not in the king, that they were not unitary entities; that one could proclaim loyalty to the king and reject the authority of Parliament. Jefferson's predecessors had taken possession of the land in the name of the mother country, adding possessions to what they already possessed, a territorial expansion of their self-identity as British nationals.
- 91 "authority over us": TJ, Draft of Instructions . . . [A Summary View . . .], 7/1774.
- 93 "no more than the chief": TJ, Draft of Instructions . . . [A Summary View . . .], 7/1774.
- 96 "prayer of all": TJ, Draft of Instructions . . . [A Summary View . . .], 7/1774.
- 96 prolific slave trader: Boyd, TJP 1, 10/20/1772. "An advertisement in the Va. Gaz... for 8 Oct. 1772 (repeated 15 and 22 Oct.) reads as follows: 'Just arrived from Africa, the Ship Prince of Wales, James Bivins Commander, with

- about four Hundred five healthy Slaves; the Sale of which will begin at Bermuda Hundred on Thursday the 8th of October, and continue until all are sold. John Wayles. Richard Randolph."
- 97 "loved him most": TJ/William Fleming, 5/19/1773.
- 98 "spotless integrity": TJ/Dabney Carr, 1/19/1816.
- 98 unintentional laudatory self-portrait: TJ/Dabney Carr, 1/19/1816.
- 100 "The death of my mother": TJ/William Randolph, 6/1776.
- 101 "I heartily join": TJ/William Randolph, 6/1776.
- 102 "the unhappy news": TJ/WS1, 5/7/1775.
- 103 "entertained high hope": TJ/WS1, 5/7/1775.
- 103 "the dignity of parliament": TJ/WS1, 5/7/1775.
- 104 "implore the divine": Resolution of the House of Burgesses Designating a Day of Fasting and Prayer, 5/24/1774.
- 104 "the people met": TJA, 9.

# CHAPTER FOUR: WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS

- 106 "unhappy disputes. . . .": Virginia Resolutions on Lord North's Conciliatory Proposal, 6/10/1775.
- 107 "our Faith and true Allegiance": Instructions for the Deputies Appointed to Meet in General Congress on the Part of This Colony, 8/1–8/6/1774.
- 107 inherited from the Wayles estate: Boyd, 7/15/1773. "Notice of Sale of Wayles Properties . . . Two Thousand five Hundred and twenty Acres of land in Cumberland, commonly known by the Name of Saint James; one Thousand four Hundred and twenty Acres in the Counties of Goochland and Cumberland, on both Sides of James River, opposite to Elk Island; and one Thousand four Hundred and eighty Acres on Herring Creek, in Charles City County. The above Tracts of Land were of the Estate of the late John Wayles, deceased, devised to the Subscribers, and are now offered for Sale. Persons disposed to purchase may be informed of the Terms, on Application to any one of the Subscribers; and the Times of Payment will be made easy, on giving Bond and Security to Thomas Jefferson. Francis Eppes. Henry Skipwith."
- 109 "We are sufficiently united": Report of Committee to Prepare a Plan for a Militia, 3/25/1775.
- 110 "The New Englanders": TJ/FE, 7/4/1775.
- 112 "our Friends and Fellow-Subjects": Declaration for Causes and Necessities of Taking Up Arms, 6/26/–7/6/1775.
- 113 "But when the world reflects": TJ, Resolutions of Congress on Lord North's Conciliatory Proposal, 7/25/1775; the resolutions as adopted by Congress, 7/31/1775.
- 115 "My collection of classics": TJ/JR, 8/25/1775.
- 115 "returning wisdom": TJ/JR, 8/25/1775.

- 119 "I arrived here": TJ/Thomas Nelson, 5/6/1776.
- 120 "I am here": TJ/Thomas Nelson, 5/6/1776.
- 121 a dramatically articulate speaker: Resolution of Independence Moved by R. H. Lee for the Virginia Delegation, 6/7/1776.
- 121 a resolution declaring complete independence: There is a library of literature on the origins of the various proposals for independence, some of them in similar language, by the legislatures of the individual colonies, in pamphlet literature, and in the resolutions and voices in the Continental Congress, preceding and then including the Declaration of Independence, the most influential of which is Pauline Maier, American Scripture: Making the Declaration of Independence (New York: Random House, 1997).
- 124 "That all men": George Mason, The Virginia Declaration of Rights, America's Founding Documents, https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/virginia-declaration-of-rights.
- 124 "acquiring and possessing property": Mason, Virginia Declaration of Rights.
- 125 "The great questions": TJ/Thomas Nelson, 5/16/1776.
- 126 "When in the Course of human events": See Julian R. Boyd and Gerard W. Gawalt, *The Declaration of Independence: The Evolution of the Text* (Washington, DC: Library of Congress, 1999).
- 126 a matter of dispute: See Mark Somos, States of Nature: The Origins of Independence, 1761–1775 (New York: Oxford University Press, 2019).
- 127 "no writer has exceeded": TJ/FE, 1/19/1821.
- 128 "shall be appropriated": First Draft by Jefferson for the Virginia Constitution, before 6/13/1776.
- 134 "painful situation to be": TJ/William Fleming, 7/1/1776.
- 134 "I am sorry the situation of my domestic affairs": TJ/EP, 6/30/1776.

# CHAPTER FIVE: AN ANGEL IN THE WHIRLWIND

- 137 Boswell and Lee had become friends: James Boswell, Life of Samuel Johnson (London, 1791), 2.177-84.
- 139 "reserved by heaven": Committee of the Boston Sons of Liberty to John Wilkes, 6/6/1768.
- 139 "race of convicts": James Boswell, Life of Samuel Johnson (London, 1791), 2.312.
- 139 "To suppose, that Americans": Samuel Johnson, The Patriot (London, 1774).
- 140 "We have now, for more than": Samuel Johnson, Thoughts on the Late Transactions Respecting Falkland's Islands (London, 1771).
- 142 "The suspense under which": TJ/FE, 11/7/1775.
- 142 "I have set apart": TJ/JP, 10/31/1775.
- 142 "the indisposition of Mrs. Jefferson": EP/TJ, 8/10/1776.

- 142 "I am highly pleased": JP/TJ, 7/20/1776.
- 143 "I hope you'll get cured": EP/TJ, 8/10/1776.
- 144 "In my judgment, the most eminent services": Richard Henry Lee/TJ, 9/27/1776.
- 144 "No cares for my own person": TJ/John Hancock, 10/11/1776.
- 145 "I wish my domestic situation": TJ/BF, 8/13/1777.
- 145 "heard with much regret": Richard Henry Lee/TJ, 11/3/1776.
- 146 "also wanting much": EP/TJ, 7/22/1776.
- 148 "decisions of the people": TJ/EP, 8/26/1776.
- 150 "to illuminate, as far as practicable": A Bill for the More General Diffusion of Knowledge, 6/18/1779.
- 153 "Well aware that the opinions": A Bill for Protection of Religious Liberty, 6/18/1779; Boyd 3.545. The bill was not made law until January 1786.
- 154 "We the General Assembly": A Bill for Protection of Religious Liberty, 6/18/1779.
- 156 "given me much pain": TJ/JP, 6/3/1779.
- 156 "Should you resign": JP/TJ, 9/22/1780.
- 157 "your Love of Study": JP/TJ, 12/9/1780.
- 158 "many letters of absolute necessity": TJ/Richard Henry Lee, 6/17/1779.
- 160 "I must take the liberty": JR/TJ, 10/25/1779.
- 161 "there will be no necessity": GW/TJ, 11/23/1779.
- 162 "Difference in opinion": JR/TJ, 10/25/1779.
- 163 "Nothing which I forget": JR/TJ, 10/25/1779.
- 163 "the fixed Purpose": JR/TJ, 10/25/1779.
- 166 "when we came to look": TJ to the speaker of the House of Delegates, 3/6/1781. Boyd: "The Remonstrance, containing exaggeration and inaccuracies, was not adopted, partially, no doubt, because the approach of Lafayette's army made some of its statements obsolete. TJ sent an urgent request to the Assembly for a revision of the militia laws when that body reconvened in May."
- 169 "daughter Lucy Elizabeth": TJ/David Jameson, 4/16/1781. "Mrs. Jefferson in a situation in which I would not wish to leave her." Boyd: "TJ's Account Book under date of 15 Apr: 'our daughter Lucy Elizabeth died about 10. o'clock A.M. this day.' Lucy Elizabeth was four and a half months of age."
- 171 "time to remove": TJ/William Gordon, 7/16/1788.
- 173 "at present busily employed": TJ/Charles François D'Anmours, 11/30/1780.
- 173 "in a condition": TJ/François Barbe-Marbois, 3/4/1781.

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