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naval office with more Propriety — The loss of his Mother very lately makes his Presence in Charles Town necessary, for the benefit of the family at large, which renders his removal more Eligible than otherwise it would be —

If it should be consistent with the public advantage, I wish you to take his application into full consideration —

Be so good as to deliver the enclosed, it being on the same subject.

I have the honor to be Dr Sir
Your obedt Humble Serv^t

ELIAS BOUDINOT.

Mrs. B. joins me in
compliments to Mrs. Woolcot.

OLIVER WOOLCOT, Esq.
(Endorsed)

Eliz — town
(Addressed)

Honble OLIVER WOOLCOT Esqr
Secretary of the Treasury,
Philadelphia.¹

MR. SAMUEL BAYARD TO HON. WILLIAM BRADFORD.

LONDON 13 July 1795

MY DEAR SIR: —

I am never fatigued in writing to you and the flattering reception you have given to prior communications persuades me that I shall not fatigue you. By several vessels that will probably have arrived much about the same time you will have received a flood of letters from us. Your next

¹ MSS. Archives, Department of State, Washington, D. C., *Applications and Recommendations for Office*, vol. i. p. 94.

favours will be in answer to some of these. we are impatient to see them. Last evening and the present Patty and myself have passed at home by ourselves like Darby and Joan talking of our Rose Hill and Elizabeth Town friends, and feasting our imaginations on our enjoyment in again meeting you all in health, and safety.

I have been this day to pay my respects to Mr. Gouverneur Morris. I found him at the Grand Hotel in Covent garden quite ill of the fever and ague. This is the second attack he has had of this complaint since he has been in London which is little more than a month.

I conversed with him about an hour on various subjects but chiefly political & found that although his body was reduced by his indisposition his mind had lost nothing of its native acuteness and energy. I was exceedingly interested and enlightened by his remarks & recital of facts and moreover he proposes leaving London on a tour through the different Counties of England. Would that I could accompany him.

In a few days the regular sittings of the Court of Admiralty ends & the next Saturday, I am informed, will be the last on which the Lords of Appeal will hear cases argued until November. If this be the case they will adjourn without having given a decision on any of those interesting points, which are involved in several cases that either have been argued before them or have long been ready for a hearing. There is something in

this conduct that awakes suspicions & fears. It surely does not wear the aspect of conciliation. To us it is really embarrassing.

On receiving Dr. Smith's sermon on the late Thanksgiving occasion I sent it to one of the booksellers who has republished it but it has excited no great attention as yet. Possibly when it has been reviewed it may obtain a more rapid and gen'l circulation. Col. Hamilton's last report on the Sinking Fund & means of improving the revenues of the U. S. I have had republished & I believe meets a favorable reception. I am glad to find you are pleased with the sale of your Bank Stock as it took a raise afterwards. I regretted having sold at the time I did, however it has since fallen greatly & is now at 118-119 Per share. Had I now cash at command I would buy as I am persuaded it must rise again soon. this fluctuation arises from some jobbing trick without which there could be no profit. Master Ule stands by me & says I must give his love to *his dear Tooto* & to the Judge too & to tell "little Tommy Hooson" that he will write him a letter "when he grows a big boy."

May the "blessings that maketh rich" attend you all. Dated from the Planet Saturn (for we have been sitting this afternoon beside a good fire) — Adieu, My very dear Sir

Yours affectionately,
S. B.¹

Honorable WM BRADFORD Esq^r.

¹ Family letters.