

- Richmond. Sept: 9. 1817. 9th

Dear Sir,



The rev: John H. Rice, of this place, a gentleman of great erudition, is about to publish a magazine, in which he proposes to give a view of the literature and literary men of Virginia. To this end, he is anxious to procure a complete catalogue of all the works, of any merit, which have been published by Virginians, since the first foundation of the colony - the names of the respective authors - the times of their publication - and a brief account of the works. Being extremely desirous to gain the valuable information which he naturally supposes you to possess on this subject and not having the advantage of a personal acquaintance with you, he has requested me to make this application, which I do with the less reluctance because I know the lively interest you take in whatever concerns the honor of Virginia. May I hope to hear whether it will be convenient to you to grant this request? - But whether it be or not I beg you to be assured that I shall not be the less your much obliged friend and servant,

Wert Wm. Richm^d Sep. 9. 17.

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