

J. Macpherson to Capt. Payne

Mar. 12 1791

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Private

My dear Sir,

I wish, from my soul, I had had an opportunity of seeing you, a little before the close of my late confinement. But what is past is with our Ancestors and cannot be recalled. The weather is now fine; and I take the benefit of the vernal air, on every Sunday. This is the season, which an ancient poet loved... *Nunc pinguis ager et nunc mollissima Vinea.* It would give me much pleasure to have the honour of seeing you, on the Common, either to-morrow or <sup>the</sup> next ~~day~~... at four o' Clock. I wish much to communicate to you some ideas, that are now floating, in my mind. ... Pray is it expected that all friends should attend the Levee, on Monday? ... Or is it right for them to attend, whether expected or not? I have much to do, but every thing must yield to propriety, on such an Occasion. I am ever most faithfully Yours &c. &c.

J. Macpherson

Studycroft Street

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From Mr. James  
Macpherson dated  
March 12-91

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