Charleston July. 19. 1798.

My good friend

Your favor of 20 May was a long time on its passage - so long that I was anxious to learn your situation having [illegible] might be return'd and informing us you was too unwell to write this request was complied with and no doubt you have rec'd the Comp'y Letter and remittance - our friend Ludd has advis'd us of writing you and informing you of R B & L's directions to remit you one thousand Dollars which would be done.

I did not imagine you had been so unwell as from your Letter I now learn you was - and believe me I feel not a little pleas'd at your recovery - and flatter'd by your writing me so soon on your resuscitation - your description of the manner in which your time has been spent would have excited more unpleasant sensations than they did - if at the moment I had not recollected it was past - and you could have a higher relish for enjoyment at present - than tho' every day had pass'd smoothly on - and your ev'ry wish gratified - then it would ere this have become a dull spiritless monotony - now comparison adds no doubt a zest to present enjoyments