Charleston, South Carolina, 16 April 1786.

Dear Sir,

I have been highly honored and particularly obliged by you, in introducing the Count Dratigle to me. I have found him a most agreeable, accomplished gentleman. As such, he has received every mark of notice and attention from our leading people, he produced great satisfaction on his visit to this State. The court left this city a few days ago, and intends to take the road through the interior country, down to Mount Vernon, by which he will be able to add greatly to the information he is obtaining respecting the different States.

Convinced of your wish and desire to promote every public benefit that may contribute profit to you, or which may partake of the United States, may be concerned, I presume to take the liberty of addressing you on a matter relative to this State, without further apology for the freedom I am now about to proceed to the point.

A number of gentlemen of this State have entered into an association which is sanctioned by the legislature to begin an inland navigation, by a communication from
the Seneca to the Hooper River, the distance a mile being about twenty miles, with the 20th of October, y
will be a means of shortening the present Navigation.

Many of the Gentlemen who compose the Board
of Directors for carrying the plan into execution, having
the honor of being personally acquainted with you were
induced to recommend that, on account of the
attained, do intend it, after your opinion, you
judged him capable of the undertaking — it is said
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carrying on the work of Bridgewater, in order to
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great knowledge and abilities. The labor, in my estimation,
all we are anxious to see the practicability of bringing it to
perfection, cannot admit of a doubt.

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he or some other as equal can be procured, the
Board of Directors will cheerfully pay every expense
that Mr. Brinley may be at, by coming here, ex.
clusion of a compensation.

Mr. Moultray's request to my best regards to be
taken to Mr. Washington and yourself, and I
most sincerely wish you both health and happiness.
I am with perfect esteem,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient,

Samuel Fox &

Will Moultray