

Dear Sir

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I have just received your Letter of y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>s</sup>. the Contents of which has made M<sup>rs</sup> Swift & myself happy as to the prospect we have of our Son's being happily & agreeably situated, whilst he is pursuing his Studies, and M<sup>rs</sup> Swift desires her affectionate Compliments may be presented to M<sup>rs</sup> Yeates for Interisting herself on y<sup>e</sup> occasion. I fear the time is short to give my Son any great insight into the two Languages you recommend, however he may lay a Foundation on which he may build. - I hope it may suit your convenience to visit the City this Fall. My Daughters declining health forbids me to think of leaving her.

M<sup>r</sup> Hartley informs, he is going home through Lancaster and has promised to hand you any paper I may have, to be conveyed - I accordingly inclose a Copy of George Henrys Lease, and request of you to get the Rent secured, as he has not as yet paid any part of it. - and instead of putting the Buildings in Tenantable Repair & agreeable to y<sup>e</sup> Lease, I am credibly informed he has totally neglected them. tho' he has cut & de

destroyed the Timber, which was solely to be used  
for that purpose, & putting the place under good Fence  
He got a neighbor of his to call on me a few days ago  
promising that as soon as he could get his grain threshed  
out & sold, I might expect to hear from him. - but  
I must own I am afraid if I give him time to remove  
it, he will convert it to ~~some~~ other use than paying his  
Rent.

In the latter end of March or of beginning of April, I  
delivered to Mr. Parr, at my Brothers request, a Deed  
from John Morris jun: to John Swift & Joseph Swift  
which he promised to get safely conveyed to Carlisle  
to be recorded. - at the same time I gave him a letter  
for you, which I think you never received, in w<sup>ch</sup> I  
inclosed a Copy of Geo: Henry's Lease, requesting of  
you at that time to secure my Rent &c - I own I am  
sincerely least he has neglected to forward the Deed to  
be recorded. - Shall I trouble you to have enquiry  
made at y<sup>e</sup> office, if such a Deed is there, and Recorded  
if so, to pay the office Fees & get the Deed from the Office -  
I suppose, if it was taken to y<sup>e</sup> office, whoever delivered  
it took a Receipt for it. Parr's death puts it out of

my power to know any thing about it. - if it should  
not be at y<sup>e</sup> Recordors, it may give a great deal of  
trouble to find it. - You will excuse my giving  
you this trouble. - Upon hearing of his Death  
finding he had neglected delivering your Letter,  
has raised my apprehensions respecting the Deed.

Mr. Parr was a Witness to this Deed, & proved it  
before Mr. Shippen, March y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1786.

My affectionate Compliments wait on Mr. Yeates & your  
little Family, hoping your youngest Child is perfectly  
recovered.

I remain, with Esteem

Your Obedient Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

Joseph Swift

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