New York, August 11th 1783.

I received, more than two months ago, the copy of the "Appraisals of the Estate on Virginia," which you were so good as to send me. For this instance of attention, I beg you to accept my thanks. The perusal of this pamphlet has given me more than ordinary satisfaction. I was gratified to find the authenticity of so celebrated a model of savage eloquence, so fully established. I was led to see an opponent who had manifested so much violence and brutality in his mode of warfare, completely vanquished. By this manner of treating the subject, you have given much pleasure, reputation to your friends in this part of the United States.

I am not certain whether you have had an opportunity to see any copies of a periodical work published in this city, under the title of the "Monthly Magazine and American Review." The principal conductor is a friend of mine, a young gentleman of considerable talents, and having some of whose productions of the novel kind, believe you have seen. How far you may consider this work as worthy of your attention & countenance, I am unable to decide. Some of them seem the most respectable thing of the kind, which, within the compass of my memory, has been set on foot in this country. It is to be lamented that the small degree of
taste for literature existing in this metropolis, and the natural state of our population, under the support of American periodical works, so difficult, & for the most part so short-lived.

Do all such attempts out. I shew the house to be, in
not much respect, a place for gentlemen's
your humble servant

Saml. Miller.