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Dear Sir

Monticello Sep. 14. 1800.



I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of Aug. 11 with a box of the Monthly magazine I was before a subscriber to that work, and read it's different numbers with much approbation.

In examining my papers I find only a single one which relates the history of New York. This is a chronological statement of English & Indian transactions in America from 1609 to 1793. it is far from complete, yet that it does state carries the mark of exactness. This paper was given me by Mr. Dumas Brown of Salem, who removed to this country & died here. he was the grandson (I think) of Col. Dummer's daughter, & this paper was compiled by some one of his family, probably father. he told me by whom, but I have forgotten. I have valued it it possibly may contain notices of some facts, not otherwise known. I should have taken from it therefore whatever suits you I will trouble you to return it. There is in Massachusetts a historical society within whose plan it would seem that such a paper might be printed. They too could supply the defects of my account of it. I have had a thought of sending it to them; but really our party funds have broken the bank not only of ~~the~~ ~~country~~, but of science. I was as to myself that I permit these matters to mingle themselves with any social or scientific intercourse; and perhaps sought to judge verbally of them. To compose that society, yet being strangers, I have not returned. The records referred to by you as mentioned in the letters of Mr. S. are all lost. They were destroyed by the British during their 23. hour possession of our seat of government. partly in situ places to which they had been removed but still true & faithful narrators of facts. I was here well, & that his words were a reward he had in the spirit. I was kept, & had the, now to the. he studied them minutely, & they were then in a tolerably good state of preservation. Health, respect & esteem.

The rev. Samuel Miller.

J. A. Miller

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