

Shelbyville 23 July.

My dear Madam.

I take the earliest opportunity since it has been proper for me to write, to acknowledge the receipt of your two letters; the first I received at Nashville & one enclosed in it for Mr. Perwin, which I have since regretted not having sent to him, but at that time I expected he would return much sooner than it was afterwards possible for him to do, owing to unforeseen circumstances; if you do not think it will be too late next winter for the business you mentioned to be attended to, he desires me to say that he will take pleasure in doing that or any thing else you may wish to have done. If however you may think it will be too late it would probably be advisable to write to Mr. Duvalde, who still continues the same that we have always known him, kind, and anxious to serve his friends.

I thank you very much for your second letter which