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Sir

I am extremely concern'd, that anything should have disturbed the cordiality, which I flatter'd myself subsisted between you & my Son; I felt myself happy in the idea of his being placed with a Gentleman whose character I esteem'd, as much as I respected.- Shall I confess to you, Sir, that your letter surprised me more than the young Man's? in his, I discover'd the impatience of Youth to throw off the restrain[t] of a Governor, in yours, I observed a degree of Anger, which I think on reflection, you will deem unworthy of you, when you consider, that all Boys are eager to become Men, over-rate their own abilities, & think themselves capable of regulating their Conduct & Affairs,- long before they are. As, in his letter, he asserts nothing, but what you confirm, I entreat you to see it in the same light that I do;- pardon the hastiness of Youth, & do not discard from your Friendship a heart that is naturally good,- tho' perhaps in this, as well as many other respects, faulty - Forgive my adding, that the reading a letter not [2] intended for your perusal, is not quite consistent with that delicate sense of Honour, I should have expected from you - The liberty you have allow'd my Son, meets both with M^r. Smith's & my approbation, so long as Geo: does not abuse it - let him enjoy it - it will qualify him the better to become his own Master hereafter. M^r. S. joins me in Comp^s. -

I am with great Respect, Sir

Your Obedient hble Serv^t.

J. Smith.

I beg my Love to Geo:

Namen

Smith, George

Smith, George Thomas

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