

Wm. James 18<sup>th</sup> December 1798

Dear Sir

P.S. I should observe within this day or two that my Leg. continues to follow my asthma  
 that  
 any pain in it

Your favor of the 10<sup>th</sup> was delivered me a few days  
 ago and I have waited since to see some body  
 lead the way to Town, when I am told an  
 attempt has drawn a valuable Horse, before  
 he reach'd this however others are since gone  
 and as the same affair yet to venture have sent  
 the Bears out to see the condition of the Ice or  
 the Lake I am not yet able to lay the last weight  
 upon my Leg and seem to recover strength very  
 slowly every morning I have a fluttering in my limbs  
 and feet which I believe to be the effect of weakness  
 and allowing it to hang too much I do also occasion  
 swelling. I believe it will be best to forward the  
 Papers intended for the President without delay  
 as soon as they are ready. If Ice is the Cause of  
 them to this place I will send them out to Brant  
 in the manner proposed if it is agreeable  
 to Captain Elliot. I am & his Family propose  
 coming up & wish your Health would permit  
 you to join them. I am with real and sincere  
 regards Dear Sir Yours always & sincerely  
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