



# GEORGE WASHINGTON'S DISTILLERY LETTER

## TO HIS NEPHEW, WILLIAM WASHINGTON,

OCTOBER 29, 1799

Washington writes seeking to purchase grain for his Mount Vernon distillery. He advises his nephew that "two hundred gallons of Whiskey will be ready this day for your call and the sooner it is taken the better, as the demand for this article (in these parts) is brisk."



*My dear Sir:*

Your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant has been duly received and this letter will be handed to you by Mr. Lawe. Lewis, to whom I have rented my Mill and Distillery, and who comes into your parts to see if he can procure (on reasonable terms) grain with which to keep them employed. Your advice and aid in enabling him to obtain these would be serviceable to him, and obliging me. Mr. Lewis is a cautious man, and I persuade myself will scrupulously fulfill any contracts he may enter into – you will be perfectly safe, I conceive, in declaring this.

***Two hundred gallons of Whiskey will be ready this day for your call, and the sooner it is taken the better, as the demand for this article (in these parts) is brisk.***

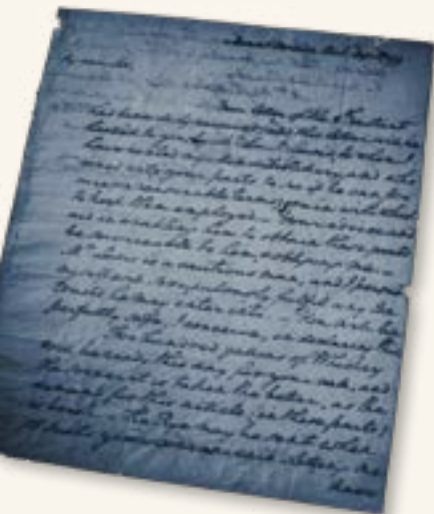
The Rye may be sent when it suits your convenience, letting me know in the meantime, the quantity I may rely on, that my purchase of this grain may be regulated thereby.

Mrs. Washington has got tolerably well again, and unites with me in every good wish for you and yours. With very great esteem and friendship I remain.

*Your Affectionate Uncle,*

# G WASHINGTON

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