

Washington No. 13th July /61

Capt J Sparrow

Washington Grey
Dear Sir

I am sorry to hear that you have consented to go to Virginia - I do assure you that this course is decidedly disapproved of by all your friends in town, I have talked with many & all say one thing - & that is that you ought to remain where you are - It is an important post & you ought not to think of leaving it, & if you leave it, see how deplorably we are, there is not another officer down there that we have confidence in, as we have in you, if others are competent, they have great Liequid failings, we know you to be always, sobor, Brave & discreet - So now my friend let me beg you to discontinue this change, I believe all the ladies in town will almost hate you if you remove, do try & do your duty even if it is unpleasant & irksome - Think seriously of this my friend & try & decide in accordance with the wish of all your friends here -

May I beg you to grant me the favour I asked in my last viz to allow my ~~leave~~ to come & spend a week or so before I leave for Europe, if you can do so consistently, if not, dont do it,
Yours Respectfully
Dan Neil

