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Letter from Hugh S. Legare to his daughter, Charlottesville, Virginia, August 6, 1838.

Hugh Swinton Legare

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H. S. Legare
to his daughter
mentions Agos Van
Buren

Charlottesville Aug. 6. 38
Albemarle Co. Va. 1

Slater Tyler
to Miss June Tyler

My dear man

I write to you from the mountains
of Virginia. You will have learned from a letter
to me now dated some two weeks ago, that I ar-
rived at my friend Rivers' a day or two before
that date on my way to the Springs. I remember
when I wrote the weather was cool - & so it con-
tinued from first to last about 72 or 80 hours -
then it slipped into its former ^{intolerable heat} state & for a week
together the thermometer stood in River Corri-
dor at from 92 to 97 at 3 P.M. The nights
were horrible. I was bathed in perspiration &
was I happened to doze for a few moments - the
bells of sleep were rung out. This heat has been accom-
panied in this part of the country with as unusual
a drought. The corn was perishing - but a few

Mrs. M. S. Legare.

last year there was a change, & a copious
fall of rain. It has since been very delightful
until today, when I find it very hot again.
Take it all together I never in my life have
suffered as I did for three weeks in Washington
or in Baltimore & and then in this neighbor-
hood. The weather in Charleston last July was
as hot, but at least, I know not why, it over-
came me less. The truth is, from my recent expe-
rience, I think the whole American continent ^{is} ~~is~~
by hot in the summer - excepting some spots in the
Mountains & on the sea shore. The cities are un-
bearable - hence it is that our summer is so dismally
long. I should pronounce Charleston more comfort-
able to people situated as we are, than any other
town on the Atlantic.

We set out tomorrow for the White Sul-
phur Springs which we have an overflowing with
company. To such a degree that accommodations
are scarcely to be had. Should that be the
case I shall decamp very soon, for you know
I have my case deeply thrust too much entangled with

the world. There are some people there, as I hope

*The writer a Charlestonian, he mistook the sea breeze of the "City by the Sea"

so, that I desire very much to see. Had I the
fortunate in finding lodging to my taste, I shall proba-
bly remain here for a week or fortnight.

This country is very beautiful. I should like it
mainly as a summer residence. Mr. Jeffersons seat
Monticello is almost within sight of us.

There is a great gathering here today to
Court. They stayed at the a good deal as I stood
in the piazza a few moments, but I hate to be
stared at, & so effected my retreat as soon
as possible.

I will write to you from the White Sulphur
when I expect to get letters for Charleston
which will determine my future movements.
I do not wish to return before late in Sep.
if I can be absent along with the consent of
my friends.

I forgot to mention that the ^{Mr. Burren} President &
his two sons passed a couple of days at River
when I was there. He is a civil man enough, but
has no very marked social qualities. I very little
of the sort of information or the turn of mind
that fits one for shining in conversation. He

is cold & cautious. In company you know as Ague
Check in the play has it, a man might as well
be a "Bourgeois" or a politician!"

I am very curious to hear from Caroline -
which I have not done here two weeks past.
I want to know how Calhoun's gang stood
* my letter - or how they read & received or
received it. It is my beautiful herald
& elsewhere. It is my life time somebody
should hold that language -

My love to Henry & Eliza -

I travel in an extra stage with the River -

for my joy

H. S. Lejeune.

* Letter to Gov. Beatty
on "Instruction"