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Dear Mrs. Templeman:

Thank you for your good letter of the twenty-second, and I am sorry about the delay in responding but am just getting caught up with the Christmas mail after a short vacation. I am as saddened as you are at the death of Jay Johns who fortunately was able to retain his facilities and joie de vivre until the very end. I would reckon that you have seen an account of his generous bequest to William and Mary.

Your enthusiastic support of the site of Leesylvania has carried the day, and I will add it to the list of places to be considered. As I mentioned, we are swamped with similar requests on the eve of the Bicentennial so I hope my support of the preservation of the site will be able to protect it until the Commission can give it official consideration. To return the ball back into your court on the Washington matter, I should mention that Wakefield is on the Register because of its status as a national park, but the National Masonic Memorial, the Grist Mill and the Winchester Surveyor's Office has not been so recognized and Pohick Church and Gadsby's Tavern had additional distinguishing features in their favor. Your points are well taken, however, and will not be forgotten.

Wishing you a pleasant New Year, I remain

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'J. R. Fishburne' with a small '(B)' written below the name.

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