

# A Guide to the John Mercer Letter to James Mercer, 1766 October 20

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## Descriptive Summary

### Manuscript Number

MS 2005.2

### Language

English

### Creator

Mercer, John, 1704-1768

### Physical Characteristics

1 item.

### Location

On site.

### Repository

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# Administrative Information

## Access Restrictions

Collection is open to research.

## Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

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# Biographical/Historical Information

Born in Dublin, Ireland, John Mercer came to Virginia in 1720 where he built the colonial estate Marlborough (also called Marlboro; at Marlborough Point on the Potomac River, in Stafford County). He was a leading Virginia attorney and lawyer to George Washington, as well as a colonial prosecutor for the King's court of Virginia. Mercer was also a founding member, secretary and general counsel of the Ohio Company of Virginia, a land speculating company that had George Washington as a member.

# Scope and Content

Letter written by John Mercer to his son, James. Discusses legal and family issues.

# Index Terms

## Persons:

Mercer, John, 1704-1768

Mercer, James, 1736-1793

# Arrangement

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