

costs me five dollars per week, and I find wood, candles, etc., myself. This is accounted a moderate price now. The fees to be paid here will not amount to so great a sum as I expected when I wrote by Mr. Mansell. They charge me a very high price for washing—no less than five shillings per dozen. The tailors charge eight dollars a suit for making clothes; the shoemakers two dollars and a half for a pair of shoes. From these prices you will see it will require more than sixty pounds to support me here this winter with the greatest frugality and economy, and these, I promise, shall not be wanting.

"As I expect Mr. Brown in every day, and by him a packet of letters, I do not write so fully as I otherwise would. I have been very busy for some time past in preparing myself for entering the Philadelphia Medical Society, and was elected a member last night. I have formed a number of very valuable acquaintances since my arrival.

"My landlord and lady are very kind. I have wanted no assistance or attention in their power. The young gentleman I have made a companion is, on the whole, a very clever young man. He is of a very genteel family, near Norfolk. He proposes going to Edinburgh in the spring. If he does, I suppose we shall go together.

"Lawrence does not treat me well with regard to the payment of the money. I shall, however, be able to make out without applying to Beckley. Dear father, adieu.

JAMES SPEED, JR."

The following letter, dated 1797, from Joseph Speed, of Virginia, to Captain James Speed, in Kentucky, mentions the return of young James Speed from Europe:

"NOVEMBER 11, 1797.

"DEAR BROTHER: Your son James, on his return from Europe to Kentucky, has been so good as to call on me, and, agreeable to your directions, I have furnished him with £44.1.3. I am indebted to brother Matt five pounds, which I will thank you to pay, and the balance you can send me when you find it convenient. I have great reason to be thankful that my family are blessed with good health. I hope you and yours are as highly favored. I believe all our friends are well; of this James can inform you certainly, he having been generally to see them. I am in possession of no news worth communicating. Please remember me to all of my relations in your quarter. May the Lord bless you here and hereafter. I am your loving brother,

JOSEPH SPEED."