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MFM to F.H. Smith
1855 July 5 (#326)
LOCATION: Superintendent's Incoming correspondence
Body of letter in unknown hand;
signed by MFM

Observatory, Washington
July 5, 1855

Dear Sir:

Owing to absence in Albemarle I did not receive your kind note of the 23rd ulto. until yesterday- the day after the fair-. Pray accept my thanks for your friendly consideration. I should have been glad of an opportunity to visit the very interesting institution which flourishes under your management, and to have the pleasure of making your acquaintance. It happened however, that I left Washington on the 26th a few hours before your letter arrived, and as my visit to the University was partly made for relaxation and with a desire to be freed from the business of the Office during the interval, no letters were forwarded to me. Should you be passing this way or find it convenient to do so, it will give me pleasure to see you at my house and the observatory which join each other.

Respectfully & c
M. F. Maury

Col. Francis H. Smith
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