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From Charles Mason (unpublished)

Philadelphia Septm 27th 1786

Sir

I have a family of Wife seven sons and a Daughter all in a very helpless Condition as I have been Confind to my Bed with sickness Ever since I Came to town which is twelve Days. Had I been able, I would hav Laid before you Something Curous In Astronomy, the Expence of puting it in Execution would be verry trifling. I Do hereby send you a plan of the Design.

NB You may hear of me at Mr. Michael Denisons at the Georg tavern the Corner of Arch and second streets. I am Sir your most obedient servant

Chas Mason

*Addressed:* Doctor / Benjamin Franklin / Philadelphia

*Endorsed:* Cha. Mason dead soon after

To Tench Coxe (unpublished)

Oct. 26. 86

Dr. Franklin presents his Compliments to Mr. Tench Coxe, and requests an Order for the Burial of Charles Mason (the Astronomer who ran the Line between Pennsylvania and Maryland with Dixon) in the Church Burying Ground.

*Endorsed:* 6th. Octr 1786 Dr Franklin to the Church warden of the United Churches of Christ's Church and St. Peters, Philada. relative to the enterment of Mr. Charles Mason who with Mr. Dixon ran the line of Pennsa and Maryland.  
Mr Coxe

Orders