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George McCall to Samuel Dickinson, Philadelphia, 10 May 1788¹

The title of a Ceremonious Person, which (in your last Letter) you give me, is by no means a suitable one, but still I do not wish to be troublesome, & to what could I attribute your not writing to me by Harry Clymer, or your Uncle Sam, but except the fear of being troubled with an Answer--At present Phila. is extremely Dull not even, the presence of the charming Mr. Morrises can alter it, altho' they really are charming young Men, the day after their arrival here I called upon them; in a few Days after which they did me the honor to return it, at all times I have found them extremely agreeable & conversable, particularly so at Mr. Willing's where I dined with them a few days ago, when after drinking about a Quart of Madeira each, all ceremony was thrown aside, & every one appeared in his true light; altho' I was much

pleased with them before, I now thought this still more
agreeable, their Manners easy & unreserved their dispositions
lively & yet mild, in short they are fine Gentlemen without
the least Tincture of Fops--

What a Pity it is that convention of Maryland would not
permit themselves to be edyfied, by Mr. [mutilated] Speech;
your mentioning this [mutilated] in your last Letter reminds
me of [mutilated] which I read in a News-Paper [mutilated]
days ago; and are as nearly as I can [mutilated] [---lict?]
as Follow--

Didn' the Devil appear to Martin Luther in Germany for
certain? And cant the Devil if he please, Come over to
Maryland with ease, This being admitted, then for certain
He has got into Luther Martin--

With begging an Excuse for writing such a scrawl I must
conclude & subscribe myself---