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Nathumburgh May 10. 1758.

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yours sincerely, J. D. Westley.

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George Thatcher Esq
Member of Congress
Philadelphia

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