Samuel Lawrence to John Kean, November 28, 1788

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I have 20 guineas of this morning respecting the rent of the house, and send Mr. Barnwell his money due according to the bargain we made, except that I was to require certain improvements. I might make in the house—

the 15 Sept. corresponds with my memorandum of the time I took possession. Mr. Sandford informed me it was given me as a bond for the time he had it—

I should be glad to know of what a suitable price you charge—

I should prefer having the house for one year certain to having it monthly. But if that cannot be granted I should be glad to have one month's notice before I move—

I should be glad to have further light in the side and in one of the end windows to make it a little more comfortable in the winter season also a few better fastenings to the end door and windows and that to be taken out of rent—

any other additions I shall want to make I shall pay for at my own expense but you must have some sort of previlege to take them away or leave them and you allow me what such expenses may have cost me of the latter expense.
as I shall not have an occasion for the seller but to put a little wood in or store any lumber I could not afford to pay so much as five pounds. These pounds I would be willing to give for an man or some timber at the store - if any timber are agreed to I will take the stone at the price you mention. I am Sir your Hum Fr
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