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## Biographical / Historical

Peter Carr was a Virginia politician and nephew of Thomas Jefferson. Born in Goochland County in 1770, he attended the College of William & Mary from 1785-1790.

## Scope and Contents

Letter written by Peter Carr of Carrsbrook to William B. Hare, a doctor in Richmond, dated November 20, 1809. The letter refers to Hare's unnamed illness and his seeking medical care in the "lower country" and taking the water of Nelson. Carr then writes about U. S. politics, stating "I believe the salvation of state rights and sovereignty depend on the integrity and abilities of state councils and institutions." He then discusses European politics, noting that the "late change in the British monarchy" combined with other state affairs could lead to the pacification of Europe and later states that the balance of power in Europe is gone and "perhaps will never be restored." Carr finishes the letter describing his own health, specifically his rheumatism and use of pokeberry.

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