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Dear Sir

On my Return from Amsterdam on Saturday last I met with a Letter here which arrived the same Day from Mr Adams -- The Baron de Thulemeier had also received his Answer from Berlin. His Letter & that from Mr Adams removed all the Difficulties except that of the Errata. As I had not enclosed a List of them at first to Mr Adams he could say nothing on that Subject to me. Notwithstanding the Baron urged the unimportance of the Errata & ~~was~~ seemed impatient to have them corrected & signed, I chose rather to await the Tuesday's Post, adding it was only two Days &

that I should certainly at that Time have a Letter
from you. — As no Letter arriv'd & the Baron seem-
ed to desire very much that the Affairs should be
completed, & above all as the English Part of the
Treaty, will correct the Errors of the French, I pro-
mised him that if he would await the Post of
this Day I would undertake, in Case no Letter
arriv'd from you, to correct the Errors & exchange
the Treaties — to this I was the rather induc'd be-
cause he had agreed to accept the Originals w^h I
had brought & to receive & exchange ^{them}, notwith-
standing this is the first Instance that has
ever happened in the Prussian Cabinet — As
this Concession on the Part of his Majesty, seemed
to have a Right to something on the other Side

Did not think I could do less than accede to his
Desire of despatching this Business; particularly
as I knew it was your Desire it should be fi-
nished as soon as possible. - No Letter there-
fore having arrived by this Day's Post I shall
to-morrow agreeable to Engagement, meet with
Mr Dumas at the Baron de Thulemeier's to
put the final Hand to it - & on Sunday
shall set out on my Route to Paris. - Should
you do me the Favor for to write to me, direct to
Bruxelles, porte restante. I shall probably
be there the Day, Week that I set out from hence.
It will give me great Pleasure to receive a Letter
from you at that Place, & I hope I shall hear
that you approve my acceding to the Baron de

Thulemeers Sollicitations to finish this Business
without waiting longer; as I assure you Sir, it
is not without some Reluctance that undertake
it after having communicated to you a List of the
Errata.

My Compliments for Col^l Humphries
& I beg you to be persuaded of the sincere Af-
fection & Regard with which

I am yours &c

W. Short

The Hague, Friday
Sept^r 9th 1785