

La Ronerie 22^d January 1786 —

Sir

I have been honoured with your letter of the 12th of this month; I am much obliged to your excellency for the part you take in seeing justice done to us; I take the liberty to request you would write by the first opportunity to the h^o.^l the Congress on our subject; I take also the liberty to inclose here three letters, one for Congress & one for the Board of treasury, both of them requesting the payment of the interest of the sums due to us; the third is for his excellency G^o Washington; as you have more opportunity than I for America, I imagine it will give you no trouble to send those letters, or if it gives you any I hope & beg you will forgive it to me — all what we could do with the creditors to whom the interest of the sums due to us by America was engaged, has been to obtain four month's delay from them, I will not trouble you with further argument to point out the urgent necessity under which we

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are to receive soon our money from
America —

I request you Sir to believe that I am
& shall be at all time very happy in the
opportunity of assuring you that nobody
is more than myself with respect and
veneration

your Excellency's

The most ob. & h. Servant
Bernard M. de la Roche

His Excellency Th. Jefferson —