

Dear Sir

Marseilles May 4. 1787.

I received last night at Aix your favors of April 4. 6.
& 24. by which I perceive that M. de Brevecoeur goes by the
present packet. I must therefore beg the favor of you to dis-
patch ^{the enclosed letter to Mr Jay by} a courier on the instant of receiving this to M. de Breve-
coeur if he shall have left Paris. The courier must go day
& night rather than run any risk of ^{not} getting to Havre before
the packet sails. Having been just able to finish my letter
to Mr Jay in time for this day's post, I must refer wri-
ting to you more lengthily to a future post. I took the
liberty in my letter of May 1. from Nice, of desiring you
to have future letters sent to me to Nantes, poste restante.
I am with sentiments of pure & sincere esteem, Dear Sir

your affectionate friend & servant

J. Jefferson

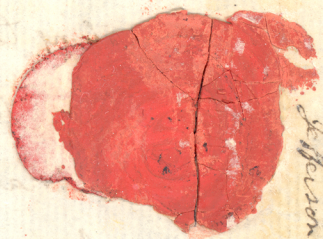
Mr. Short.

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Dear Sir

I received your letter of the 21st inst. and was glad to hear that you were well. I am well at present and hope these few lines will find you the same. I have not much news to write at present. I have been thinking much of late of the state of the world and of the progress of the human mind. I have been reading much of the works of the philosophers and of the historians and I have been struck with the similarity of the opinions of the ancients and the moderns. I have been particularly struck with the similarity of the opinions of the ancients and the moderns on the subject of the immortality of the soul. I have been particularly struck with the similarity of the opinions of the ancients and the moderns on the subject of the immortality of the soul. I have been particularly struck with the similarity of the opinions of the ancients and the moderns on the subject of the immortality of the soul.

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