

John London March. 28. 1786
rec. at Paris

Dear Sir

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I have duly received your favor (of no date, but I suppose by the company it was in that it was about the 17th) and thank you for the intelligence it contains, and particularly that of my daughter's health. Col^o. Humphrey's letter came to hand at the same time. ere this I hope he has received mine inclosing one to Mr Jay which I sent by the first post after my arrival here. we had a cold journey to Calais, but made it in less time than we expected, having lodged at Breteuil & Montreuil. ~~we were detained~~ at Calais a day and a half, & then had a passage of nine hours & a half; so that on the whole we were six days getting here. I have lost a great deal of time in ceremony, returning visits &c. so that I have done & seen less than I ought, & probably this will be the fate of the few remaining days. we have news from America as late as Feb. 3. The assembly of Virginia had risen. they have past a good many of the laws of the revision, as I see by their titles. among these are that on descents, Von religion but with what alterations I have not heard. they have imposed a duty of 5/ a ton on British vessels, instead of 1/3 paid by other nations. I do not recollect whether they had before imposed higher duties on British goods. I wish you could have an opportunity of informing Mr Creve-coeur or the Abbé Morellet that I despair almost of having a map ready in time, as the engraving cannot be completed before the last of May. I do not know whether it will not be better for me on my re-

-turn to sketch a slight one which may be engraved at Paris in a
very little time. I shall leave this place on the 5th of April, I
think without fail, and shall return by the direct road from Calais
to Paris, so that I shall probably be there on the 9th. I am afraid
Col^o. Humphreys will have left it before that time. be so good
as to present my esteem to him affectionately, with my wishes for
a favourable passage. to the Marquis Fayette also my best
respects & to yourself assurances of the sincere esteem
with which I am Dear Sir

your friend & serv^t

J. W. Jefferson

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