

New York November 8<sup>th</sup> 1793

Dear Sir,

Accept my grateful acknowledgements and best thanks for your kind letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> instant; which, together with the minutes of a route and the lettered enclosure, came to my hands yesterday.

As a sincere friend, and truly wishing your personal happiness, I cannot but be pleased with your determination to retire from your public station; because I know that a mind like yours can find more solid enjoyment in the private walks of life than any public station, however elevated a flattering can give it. — But as a Citizen of this Country, and as one who has its best interests very much at heart, I shall exceedingly regret that event. — And I know when I express this sentiment for myself, that I speak the language of a large proportion of the honest & good Citizens of this Country.

I hope, my dear Sir, that I shall never wantonly suspect the good opinion which you have been pleased to entertain of me — and to express to your friends. —

I have taken my passage on board the American Ship *Tanny*, which is bound to Glasgow; and ~~she~~ is expected to sail on the 10<sup>th</sup>; but I think it likely she may be detained a day or two longer. — Should any thing occur to you in which I can render you service while I am in Europe, you will please me in letting me know in. — Letters directed to me to the care of our Consul at London will find me.

Wishing you every happiness that the reflection of an honest independent mind can give — I am, Dear Sir,  
with sincere attachments & respect,  
Your friend  
Nobias Tear.

Lear Tobias. N. York. Nov. 8. 33.

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