

His Excellency Thomas Jefferson Esq.
President of the United States of America.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward you inclosed a letter from Madame De Corny, which I kept untill this time, expecting to go soon to America & to deliver it myself into your hands; but business has prevented me to effectuate that design. You will please to excuse, Sir, my sending it to you with the cover cut open, but I did it myself at Calais, to prevent it to be read by the French Comissary to whom the searching officer wanted to carry it, as it is not permitted to carry over a sealed letter.

Give me leave, Sir, to subscribe myself with the greatest regard & consideration

Your Excellency's most Humble
& Obedient Servant

London August 25th 1803.

Joseph Ledet

Ledet Joseph. Lond. Aug. 25. 03. recd Oct. 10.

My dearest Mother
I received your letter of the 11th of Aug.

I was very glad to hear from you
and hope you are all well. I
am well at present and hope
you will be the same. I have
not much news to write at
present. I have been very busy
with my studies and with
my family. I shall write again
in a few days. I am your
affectionate son

Your affectionate son
Joseph

Joseph

Lond. Aug. 25. 1803.