

Dear Sir

Paris May 2. 1785.

By your servant I inclose you a bill of the Caisse d'es-  
-compte for two hundred livres. we have received this day some  
public letters from America. these contain a permission to Doct<sup>r</sup>.  
Franklin to return, and a substitution of myself in his place.  
there is no appointment of a Secretary of Legation, but I suppose it  
out of doubt that Col<sup>o</sup>. H. will be annexed to this legation. Smith  
is fixed in that of Mr Adams to London. W. F. seems to be dis-  
-posed. while you know with certainty, that any appoin<sup>t</sup>. left to me  
would be at your command, and that in this I should be actuated  
by a sentiment of that duty which requires every one to place in  
office those who are most worthy of them, I must at the same  
time say I have no reason to expect any appointment will  
be put to my disposal. it is not easy indeed as yet to  
know what will be the system of Congress. — Mercer is mar-  
-ried to Miss Sprigg. Monroe I am afraid is dead, for  
three packets have now come without bringing me a line  
from him or concerning him. we shall be all happy to see  
you on the 4<sup>th</sup>. and hope you will make some stay if you  
shall propose to return. Col<sup>o</sup>. H. is got well. Mr Adams part<sup>l</sup>.  
goes the 10<sup>th</sup>. for N. York, & Mons<sup>r</sup>. de Doradour with him for  
Virginia. I am with much affection

your friend & servant

W. G. M.



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