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2	o	j	d	i	p	m	b	t
3	p	k	e	j	q	n	c	u
4	q	e	f	k	r	o	d	v
5	r	m	g	e	s	p	a	w
6	s	n	h	m	t	q	f	x
7	t	o	i	n	u	r	g	y
8	u	p	j	o	v	s	h	z
9	v	q	k	p	w	t	i	z
10	w	r	e	q	x	u	j	a
11	x	s	m	r	y	v	k	b
12	y	t	n	s	z	w	e	c
13	z	u	o	t	x	x	m	d
14	z	v	p	u	a	y	n	e
15	a	w	q	v	b	z	o	f
16	b	x	r	w	c	x	p	s
17	c	y	j	x	d	a	q	h
18	d	z	t	y	e	b	r	i
19	e	x	u	z	f	c	j	d
20	f	a	v	x	g	d	t	k
21	g	b	w	a	h	e	u	l
22	h	c	x	b	i	f	v	m
23	i	d	y	c	d	g	w	n
24	j	e	z	d	k	h	x	o
25	k	f	x	e	e	i	y	p
26	l	g	a	f	m	j	z	q
27	m	h	b	g	n	k	x	r

Whether Congress will keep ministers abroad is still undecided a disposition however seems to prevail to add to the present commission for negotiating foreign treaties of amity & commerce, one of our own delegates & one other gentleman have proposed the mission to me. if I was thought of at all, I wished not to have known it as it may place me in a very false point of view to others. I am in truth indifferent. if they desire it I shall go, for place is to me at present unimportant. young Franklin is already Secretary to the Commission. you have said you would condescend to be the index of a book. to dispose then of your matters as to be in utrumque paratus, & on short warning. if I am enabled to offer you no other advantage than a bed & board free, I am also enabled to assure you I

shall give you very little trouble. a first & full supply of cloathing will cost you an hundred guineas, & a considerably less sum will suffice annually afterwards. pocket expenses will be you know just what you please. I am assured that a servant carried from hence, will be an expence, incumbrance, & the most useless animal in the world. to hire a Valet therefore will add from twelve to twenty four guineas a year to your expence. a few days or weeks will certainly decide whether I am to go, I should you conclude finally to be of the party, let me know by return of the first or second post, that I may be

prepared to answer any other applications on the
same subject. I still however consider this only as
among possible events. Dr. Lee is appointed an
Indian Commissioner, which vacates his seat here.
I had ^{suggested to} requested a friend early in the winter your
nomination to Congress. should you be appointed
& Congress adj^d. you had better do no act of ac-
-ceptance till November.

Mem^o. This paper must have been
written some time in the Spring of 1784