

Dear Sir

Paris May 8. 1785.

I duly received your favor of Dec. 5. and have been made happy by the acquaintance of your son who has past some time with us in Paris. I have been absent a part of it, in Holland, so that I have seen less of him than I could have wished, but I have seen enough to attach me to him very sincerely, & to assure you he will answer all your expectations & your wishes. I inclose you a letter from him. he left us yesterday with Mr Rutledge for Bruxelles. he seemed disposed to follow in some degree a route which I proposed to him. that is to say, after seeing the Austrian & Dutch Netherlands, to take for his guides thro' Germany the rivers Rhine & Danube, making, in his transit from the one to the other, an excursion to Geneva. to quit the Danube at Vienna, & go on to Trieste & Venice, thence to the bottom of Italy, come up it again, pass the Alps at Nice, follow the Mediterranean to Cetta, then pass the Canal de Languedoc & the Garonne to Bordeaux & thence either return to Paris or take wing for America as he pleases. he will thus have seen the best parts of the Netherlands, Germany, Italy, & France, & return satisfied that no part of the world equals his own country. he will return charged, like a bee, with the honey of wisdom, a blessing to his country & honour & comfort to his friends in this number I hope to be clasped by him, by you, & by Mrs Shippen being with sentiments of esteem & attachment, as witness as they are

Dear Sir

Paris May 8. 1786

Dear Sir
M. de M...

I have been
 made happy by the acquaintance of your son who has just
 time with us in Paris. I have been about a fortnight in Holland
 so that I have seen less of him than I would have wished, but I
 was enough to thank you to him very sincerely, & to assure you
 he will answer all your expectations & your wishes. I will
 you a letter from him. He left us yesterday with our baggage
 for Brussels. He seems disposed to follow in your steps &
 route which I proposed to him. That is to say, after seeing the
 situation of Duke of Brabant, to take for his guide the Germany
 the river Rhine & Danube, & arrive, in his transit from the one
 to the other, on occasion to Geneva. To quit the Danube at Lyons,
 to go on to Switzerland, thence to the bottom of Italy, come up
 it again, pass the Alps at Nice, follow the Mediterranean
 to Genoa, then pass the canal de Languebat & the Geneva to
 to these other routes to Paris or take any other as he
 please. He will thus have seen the best parts of the Netherlands,
 Germany, Italy, France, & return satisfied that no part of the
 world has an country. He will return changed, like a bee, with the
 honey of wisdom, & blessing to his country & I have no doubt to his
 in this number I hope to be obliged by you, & by your
 being with continued affection & esteem as always
 Dear Sir

plan of journey for Mr.

May 8, 1788
[enc.]

Paris. Orleans. Nantes². Bordeaux⁴. Toulouse. Cete.
Montpellier. Nismes². Avignon. Marseille⁴. Toulon. Hiens.
Nice⁷. Genoa⁷. Pisa. Leghorn³. Florence¹⁴. Rome³⁰. Naples³⁰. Rome
Ancona. Bologna. Padua. Venice⁷. Padua. Mantua. Verona.
Milan⁷. Turin⁷. M. Cenis. Chamberi. Geneva². Lyon². Dijon³. Paris.

	Days	Louis
4000. miles @ 50. miles a day & 16 ³ mile	80	133
80 days travelling expenses @ 6 ⁴	---	20
131 days residence in the cities @ 12 ⁴	131	65
provision of money to servants.	211 = 7. months	10
Theaters	---	10
purchase of Cabriolet	---	30
repairs of do	---	6
servant 131. days @ 2⁴	---	11
Contingencies	---	26
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	Days	30.0
if a twelve month employed it adds	154	77

if he has a companion it will lessen the sum £ 70.