

Dear Sir

Nice May 1. 1787.

I arrived here this evening, & set out tomorrow morning at day
break for Marseilles. from thence I must write to Mr Jay, & I cannot
write till I receive some information at Marseilles. the letter will get
to Paris the 8th or perhaps not till the 9th and as the packet should
sail the 10th. the object of this letter is to pray you to have a trusty
Courier ready to start ~~the same~~ for Havre the moment my letter for Mr
Jay comes to your hand. he should go by the Diligence as far as that
goes without stopping, & then by ^{& return by the Diligence} post horses. I fear with all this, there is
a possibility of missing the occasion by the packet: however, the wind
or other accident may perhaps retard her. if she is gone, he should
bring back the letter. should M. de Crevecoeur be going, I should be
very happy to have it put into his hands: otherwise you must be so
good as to desire M. Limosin to put it into good hands on board
the packet. does the order against receiving letters after the mail
is made up on board the packet still subsist? if it does, it may
be necessary to ask a special order from M. Le Conteulx, because
if Limosin can not get a trusty hand to take private charge of
it, it must go into the mail at Havre. — I have been thus
strengthened in time by contrary winds which came upon me
half way from Genoa here & obliged me to quit my Felucca & take
mules, so that I have been 4. days instead of 2. on the way.
the 1st a day of morkel sea-sickness, the last two of great fatigue
on the mules and on foot clambering the precipices of the Appen-
nines. this disposes me more to sleep than to write; after desiring you
therefore to let my daughter know I am well & that she shall hear from
me at Marseilles I shall conclude with assurances of the sincere esteem
with which I am D^r. Sir your affectionate friend & servant

J. J. J. J.

P. S. be so good as to have my letters home forth sent to Nantes post to Nantes. if in the meantime
any thing was to arrive to call me in haste to Paris, & letters being with our agents at Crevecoeur, Nantes
& Paris, would find means of those places, according to the time at which they should come.

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