

Dear Sir

New York Aug. 31. 1790.

Since writing my letter of the 26.<sup>th</sup> it has been decided to commit to your care the transaction of very important money matters at Amsterdam. it is thought necessary that you should go there immediately, and remain there about three months to profess yourself of the ground. The Secretary of the Treasury will detail to you the particulars requisite there.

With respect to our affairs at Paris, we trust, in your absence, to the friendship of the Marquis de la Fayette for such things as are important enough to merit his attention. two of the subjects lately given you in charge are of this description. as to all others, do them by letter or otherwise as you can. it will be necessary for you doubtless, sometimes to ask ~~by letter~~ the attention of the Marquis, by letter, and where you think the moment requires essentially your presence, it is understood you will come to Paris express, ~~returning~~ returning again to Amsterdam as quickly as circumstances will admit. the facilities of travelling in Europe admit of this. should you think it necessary, you may appoint a Secretary during your absence to remain at Paris, & communicate with you, allowing him a salary of four thousand livres <sup>a year.</sup> if you think this not necessary, you of course will not make the appointment. I am with sincere and great esteem Dear Sir your most obedient humble servant  
Mr. Short.

W. J. F. M.

Dear Sir

New York Aug. 31. 1820.

I have written you before of the 22<sup>nd</sup> it has been decided to  
account to your case the transaction of very important matters  
at London... it is thought necessary that you should go there  
in person... and remain there about three weeks to prepare  
yourself of the ground. The Secretary of the Treasury will detail  
to you the particulars requisite there.

With respect to our affairs at Paris, we must  
refer to the friendship of the Marquis de La Fayette for  
such things as are important enough to merit his attention.  
The time of the subject lately given you on charge are  
in his description as to all these matters by letter or  
in person as you can. It will be necessary for you to  
call frequently to see whether the attention of the Mar  
quis is still on these points. He is now in  
essentially your presence, it is understood you will come  
to Paris early, the opportunity given to make business  
in circumstances will be short. The facilities of travelling  
in Europe about this time are such that it is necessary you  
may appoint a Secretary during your absence to remain  
at Paris & communicate with you, especially in a  
of your business interests of which the Secretary will be  
informed. I am with great respect  
and great esteem Dear Sir your most obedient servant

J. Jay  
Aug. 31

Amplified

Oct. 28

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