

La Ronde this 26<sup>th</sup> Dec 1788 -

[26 Dec 1788]

Sir

having affected the interest of the sums  
due to me by Congress, to pay an equal  
sum in pari, I wrote few days ago  
to Mr. Grant on that subject; as  
he payed the last year's interest and  
shops contracts of Congress being  
drawn on him, I had no doubt  
but he would pay this year,  
but he ~~answered~~ answered me  
that he had received no order from  
the board of the treasury of north  
america - I request your Excellency  
in the name of the officers interested  
in that matter, to give to Mr. Grant

your orders, accordingly to the  
engagements of Congress; were  
that H<sup>l</sup>. Body not to keep their  
engagements with us, we would  
for certain fall in over, the effect  
of which would be as disagreeable  
to America as to ourselves -  
The interest of those Contracts is  
to be payed the 1<sup>st</sup> of next month.  
& so on every 1<sup>st</sup> day of each year -  
as for my part, I have taken such  
positive engagement for January  
next, that should Mr. Grant fail  
to pay us it would be extremely  
hurtfull to me -

I have the honor to be with  
respect and attachment

Remise de la lettre

of your excellency

M. de la Roche

au Mans, le 11<sup>me</sup> de la Rouerie

au chateau de la Rouerie, par Fougeres  
en Bretagne

Mis de la Roche J. Jefferson

Rouerie, Marquis de

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