

Norfolk the 1st february 1793

Sir

I have the Honor to transmit to you herewith the Manuscript relative to the Events of the French Revolution of last year -- You will find, Sir, that I have been pretty circumstantial respecting what regards the unhappy Marquis De la Fayette: It was the Opinion of a Number of his friends in Paris that the United States of America would probably interfere in his Behalf, & that the Supreme Executive could demand him as a Citizen of those States which he has served with so much Honor & Zeal; they suggested that such Interference would meet with Success in consideration of the friendly terms subsisting between America & Prussia, and that at all Events should it not have the desired Effect, it would evince to the World the Gratitude of the United States to their Meritorious Officers --

My Stay in the Territory South of the Ohio, Sir, will be only of two or three Weeks at most, some private Business making it necessary for me to return to Europe most immediately, and should any thing be determined on by the United States in favor of that Patriotic Nobleman, which might render an Application to the Court of Berlin necessary, I would deem myself exceedingly happy to be intrusted with an official negotiation to that Effect, and no Zeal would be wanting from me to fulfill the Wish of the United States to liberate that unfortunate Officer --

With great Respect I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedt &
most humble Servt.

J. C. Mounfforence

I will not leave Richmond before
the 15th inst for Hotston --

Mount Vernon, Norfolk Feb. 1. 93.

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