

Dear Sir

Monticello Nov. 9. 24.

I receive your letter of the 2<sup>d</sup> while La Fayette is within our country has received him as handsomely as their limited means permitted. among the toasts they drank 'a gratitude which ends not in words.' and I think the sentiment is taking in other states. The President will also give a hint on which Congress will be led to take up the subject. — M<sup>de</sup> L'Epiney is safely received. Hall's book is still going the rounds of the family in which there are so many readers that the quartet is a pretty long one. it shall be safely returned when thro' that. I have not yet heard of the telescope, but have no doubt it will come safely — our letters from Gilmer are encouraging. he had made some very satisfactory engagements, and thinks he will enable us to commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February, and that he may arrive with his cortese even by Christmas. — I am sorry to hear your health was affected by your journey, and have no doubt it was by that part of it which laid through the lower country. I feared for La Fayette at York and on James river before a frost. he and his son however escaped: but La Vasseur arrived here under an attack of fever, preceded by a severe ague. but it ceased at once. you may visit us with safety in any season, and it will be always with welcome. — immediately after Mr Harris left us. I was attacked by an imposthume under the jaw, which so effectually closed that that I could take no sustenance but in a liquid form sucked thro' a tube. I suffered much for 3 weeks; but before La Fayette's arrival I had got well enough to attend him thro' the ceremonies to which he was subjected. the gland is still swelled but I hope will go off without further inconvenience. ever and affectionately yours

J. Jefferson