

August 7, 1785

Dear Sir

My last will have informed you of my Arrival at
 Boulogne - I was detained the next Day at Calais because
 no Packet sailed in the Evening - My Accident heard ~~of~~
 Comte Rochambeau being there & waited on him - He en-
 quired in a most particular Manner after you - Desired
 me to tell you what Pleasure he had received in reading
 your Notes - & related to a very large Company with gene-
 ral Marks of Approbation, the Manner in which you
 had treated the unphilosophical Opinion of human
 Degeneracy in America. - -

On Monday, I embarked & after a tedious
 Passage of 19½ hours arrived at Dover 9 o'clock in the
 Evening. - London strikes me on Account of its fine Streets
 & excellent Houses & Carriages - but the Buildings & such
 of the Equestrian Statues as I have seen impress on the Mind
 an Idea of Insignificance in Comparison with those

of Paris - Except here St Pauls Church, which is immen-
sely great, & being surrounded with Houses of Brick
appears to very great Advantage.

I have been every Day to Mr Adams's since
my Arrival - I do not know whether he is writing to
you as fully as you wished. I shall see to day. -

Vessels are frequently arriving here from Vir-
ginia. The Price of Tobacco at this Market is frequently
as low as 5 or 6 Pounds the W^h & yet they buy it.
It is a Paradox in Trade which the Merchants themselves
cannot or will not solve. - You will be surpris'd
when I tell you that M^rs's Credit here is absolutely
wrecked - his Debts selling at a considerable Dis-
count & in the Hands of Trustees. This is another
~~Paradox~~ - I am told he could not be trusted for a Shilling
& yet I think he must still be rich.

I was surpris'd to find that F Shipworth
had left London a few Days only before I arriv'd - He

has been here some Months to settle some Commercial
Correspondence. & I am told he has succeeded very well.

There is a very careful Woman hired lately to go to Vir-
ginia with Mr Lee's Children - Mr Forest knows
her & thinks it probable that she might be also hired
to return with your Daughter, although it is her
present Plan to stay with Mr Lee. - It is probable
she will not like Virginia as much as she supposes &
will be glad to return.

I shall leave this Place in two or three Days.

Accept my best Wishes for, & believe me as
I ought to be

Yours sincerely,

W. Forest

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