

[Sept. 15, 1788]

Sir

From your conversation with Mr. Chaflin & myself  
last Spring, I had no doubt that Congress would by  
this time have paid us the three year's interest which  
are due to us by North America. In considering  
the nature of the debt & the character & wealth  
of the debtor, we had no reason to fear a delay  
so very near of a bankruptcy. I confess to you  
Sir, that I can not understand the motives of  
such conduct, & that our right to more attention  
& justice in giving us every day the hope of  
being better treated, has altogether with your  
promises, made me contract engagements which  
must be satisfied now.

I request you, Sir, to give order to Mr. Grand  
to pay us immediately the three's year interest  
which are due; or to declare us that there is  
Mr. de la Harpe

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no fear of depending on the debt of America  
towards us - if you chuse the last; you will  
do in that, what we ought to have done ourselves  
had our attachment for America been calculated  
on her testimony of gratitude & justice -  
I have the honour to be with respect  
Sir

your most obed<sup>t</sup> & aff<sup>ct</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>  
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I am here only for four days - I request  
you to give me a positive answer -