

Dear Sir

Washington July 20. 08.

I have put off writing to you to the last moment, and must therefore be short as I am just setting out for Monticello. yours of the 15<sup>th</sup> is recieved. we fix your departure by the next vessel we send which will be in about 6 weeks. it will not be necessary for you to visit this place as Mr Madison leaves it on Saturday. we highly approve the idea of calling your secretary our messenger & your taking your passage as a private man. but we can recommend no one to you, not knowing any one. Lewis is worthy of it, but he cannot be spared & he is a Virginian. the salary is the same as formerly. Mr Madison will lay down rules for your charges. The mission is, in the first instance considered as special, to remain till <sup>if the Senate approves</sup> peace. whether it may be permanent afterwards is not decided. in great haste I must place here my salutations & assurances of constant affection.

Mr. Short

Th: Jefferson

1808

Jefferson July 20 - 08

Rec<sup>d</sup> at Philad July 20 - 08

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I have just off to you the last report which must  
 therefore be that in our first sitting out for the whole  
 of the 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> of next week. We fix your opinion by the next report  
 we have done will be in our hands. It will be necessary for  
 you to visit this place as our business is not in a hurry. We  
 think you have the use of calling your friends and our affairs. It  
 you taking our passage as a private man, but in our opinion  
 is not to be out of our hands. It is not to be out of our hands  
 cannot be given to him a dinner. He shall be the same as  
 former in our opinion will be done only for your charges. He  
 profession is in the first volume contained in special to remain in  
 of the same opinion.  
 present. It will be necessary to be present afterwards as it is decided.  
 in fact that I must have the report of the whole of the whole

Mr. Jefferson  
 Philadelphia

I remain  
 your affectionate  
 friend  
 J. Adams