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To Mr Pinckney

Germantown Nov 27. 1793

Dear Sir.

My last letters to you were of the 11th and 14th of Sep. Since which I have received yours of July 5. 8. Aug 1. 15 27. 28. The fever which at that time had given alarm in Philadelphia, became afterwards far more destructive than had been apprehended, and continued much longer, from the uncommon drought and warmth of the autumn. On the first day of this month the President and heads of the departments assembled here. On that day also began the first rains which had fallen for some months. They were copious, and from that moment the infection ceased, no new subject took it, and those before infected either died or got well, so that the disease terminated most suddenly. The inhabitants who had left the City, are now all returned, and business going on again as busily as ever. The President will be established there in about a week: at which time Congress is to meet.

Our negotiations with the North western Indians have completely failed, so that war must settle our differences. We expected nothing else, and had gone into negotiations only to prove to all our Citizens that peace was unattainable on terms which any one of them would admit.

You have probably heard of a great misunderstanding between Genet and us. On the meeting of Congress it will be made public. But as the details of it are lengthy I must refer for them to my next letter, when possibly I may be able to send you the whole correspondence in point. We have kept it as personal, convin-

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ced his nation will disapprove him. To them with we have with
utmost afiduity given every proof of inviolate attachment
wish to hear from you on the subject of M de la Fayette, tho'
we know that circumstances do not admit sanguine hopes.

The copper by the Sigon, and the Mohawk is received. Our coin-
age of silver has been delayed by Mr Cox's inability to give the
security required by law.

I shall write to you again immediately after the meeting of
Congress. I have the honor to be with sentiments of great
esteem and respect Dear Sir

Your friend & Servant

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