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EDITORIAL METHOD

SELECTION

Nearly three thousand first- and second-party Lafayette documents are available to us for the period 1776-1790. We shall publish about three-fifths of them in these volumes. The choice of documents depends on the exigencies of space and the desire to avoid needless repetition. We intend to provide material sufficient to illuminate the events in which Lafayette participated, his motives and character, and those of the people with whom he lived and worked. The selections include first-party material: letters and documents written by Lafayette himself; second-party material: letters and documents addressed to Lafayette; and some third-party material: contemporary letters, journals, and documents that contain information about Lafayette. Some of the third-party material is extracted from longer documents; we have reproduced only the portions relevant to Lafayette. In such cases, the letter E is placed as a superscript after the title of the document. First- and second-party documents that we do not print are listed in Appendix II.

TRANSCRIPTION

In our transcription of the manuscripts we retain the original spelling. If it is unusual enough to cause confusion, the correct spelling follows in brackets. The thorn (as in “ye”) is transcribed as “th.” Punctuation is retained as found, except for dashes at the ends of sentences, which are replaced by periods. A minimum of additional punctuation is supplied when necessary for clarity. Apostrophes are supplied for possessive forms. When the writer’s punctuation is unclear, we follow modern usage. Original capitalization is also retained, except that each sentence is made to begin with a capital letter and names of persons and places and personal titles are silently capitalized. Lafayette’s use of capitals increased during the period of this volume, and in some in-
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stances he wrote over lower-case letters to capitalize them. We have tried to reproduce his capitalization, but in cases where it is unclear we follow modern usage. Abbreviations are not spelled out unless they are not readily recognizable; contractions are retained. Superscript letters are brought down to the line.

When the manuscript has been damaged or contains an illegible passage, if no more than four letters are missing, we supply them silently. If more than four letters or entire words are missing, we supply them in brackets, with a question mark within the brackets if the conjecture is doubtful. Gaps that cannot be filled are explained in brackets in the text; for example, [illegible], [torn]. The writer’s interlineations or marginal notes are incorporated into the text without comment. Slips of the pen are silently corrected. Words underlined once by the writer are printed in italics. Passages written in cipher and deciphered interlinearly are printed in large and small capitals. Signatures are printed in large and small capitals. Addresses, endorsements, and docketing are not transcribed but are included in the provenance note if they are contextually significant. The dateline is placed at the head of each document regardless of its position in the manuscript.

The greatest problems arise in the materials that were altered in preparation for the publication of Mémoires, correspondance et manuscrits du Général Lafayette, publiés par sa famille: Lafayette’s Memoir of 1779 and his letters to his family and to George Washington. Many changes have been made in these manuscripts in pencil and nineteenth-century ink. Words, sentences, and even paragraphs have been scribbled over or marked for deletion with slashes or brackets, and words and phrases have been added in the margins and between the lines in Lafayette’s nineteenth-century hand. It is likely that he made or approved all the changes, because copies of the letters and memoir which Lafayette sent to Jared Sparks in 1829 conform to the text of the amended manuscripts. Most of the changes Lafayette indicated were incorporated in the texts printed in the Mémoires. A comparison of the printed texts with the amended manuscripts reveals further changes, but these alterations follow the pattern Lafayette established. The majority of the changes are purely stylistic, and we disregard them. We have attempted to print the text as Lafayette first wrote it. When a significant passage has been deleted on the manuscript or omitted from the Mémoires, we print it in angle brackets. All other significant changes are explained in the notes.

TRANSLATIONS

The French materials in this volume are translated into English because these documents would otherwise be either unintelligible or poorly understood by too many readers. Our experience and knowledge of eighteenth-century French has enabled us to offer what we believe to be accurate translations, particularly of idioms and technical terms; more important, our effort has been to catch the nuance and tone of the French language of that time, when epistolary style often depended on the status of the correspondents as well as the subject discussed. Translators’ rationales are rarely convincing to those who have an intimate grasp both of the era and of the language being used. For those readers, the French texts of all translated documents are printed in Appendix I.

The letter T is placed as a superscript after the title of every translated document. The same superscript follows passages translated in the notes, but we do not print the French texts of those passages. In the translations, spelling, capitalization, and punctuation are modernized.

ANNOTATION AND INDEX

Notes to the text follow each document. The first note gives the provenance and other necessary information about the document and is unnumbered. The numbered notes provide clarification, information, and explanation of materials in the text. In our annotation we have tried to take into account the pattern of Lafayette’s life and thought and the fact that the best commentary on his letters usually is to be found in the other documents. When we cite documents that are printed in our volume, we identify them by title and date only. The source citation is given for all other items mentioned in our notes.

All proper names are identified in the Index; people and places are given space in the annotation only when the information is immediately required for an understanding of the text.
CHRONOLOGICAL OUTLINE

(Italics indicate major historical events in which Lafayette did not participate.)

1757

1759
August 1. Father killed at the Battle of Minden.

1760
April 5. Birth of sister, Marie-Louise-Jacqueline, who died three months later.

1768
February 10. Treaty of Paris. France, defeated in Seven Years' War, gives up all claims in North America.

1770
April 9. Mother dies.
May. Inherits a large fortune from his grandfather.

1771
April 9. Becomes a sous-lieutenant in the King's Musketeers.

1773
April 7. Becomes a lieutenant in the Noailles Dragoons.

1774
April 11. Marries Adrienne de Noailles.

1775
Summer. Stationed at Metz; at a dinner given by his commander, the Comte de Broglie, hears the Duke of Gloucester speak of the American revolt.

1776
June 11. Placed on reserve status.
December 7. Signs agreement to serve as a major general in the American army.
1777
February. Buys La Victoire, in which he plans to carry a party of French officers to America.
April 20. Sails from Passajes, Spain, for America on La Victoire.
June 19. Arrives at North Island, South Carolina.
July 27. Arrives at Philadelphia; reports to Congress.
July 31. Appointed major general, but without command; invited to join Washington's military "family."
September 11. Wounded in the leg at the Battle of Brandywine.
October 17. Burgoyne surrenders to Gates at Saratoga.
November 25. Lafayette commands at a skirmish at Gloucester, New Jersey.
December 1. Receives command of a division.

1778
January 23. Selected by Congress to lead an "irruption" into Canada.
February 19. At Albany. Decides the Canadian expedition is not feasible.
March 31. Leaves Albany to resume command of his division at Valley Forge.
May 18. Lafayette given command of an independent detachment to obtain intelligence of British movements and interrupt British communications.
May 20. Leads retreat from Barren Hill.
June 28. Battle of Monmouth.
July 22. Lafayette appointed to the command of a detachment ordered to Rhode Island to serve under Sullivan.
August 8-9. British evacuate works on northern end of Rhode Island; American forces under Sullivan occupy them.
August 11-14. Hurricane batters French and British fleets off Rhode Island; Howe withdraws to New York.
August 21. D’Estaing sails for Boston:
August 30-31. Lafayette assists in evacuation of American troops from Rhode Island.
September 14. Franklin elected minister plenipotentiary to France.
October 5. At Fishkill. Challenges Carlisle to a duel.
October 13. Requests leave from Congress to return to France.

1779
January 11. Lafayette sails from Boston for France on the Alliance.
February 6. The Alliance reaches Brest.
February 12. Lafayette arrives at Versailles; confers with Maurepas.
March 3. Named lieutenant-commander of the King’s Dragoons with the rank of mestre de camp.

1780
January 8-16. Rodney captures Spanish convoy and Spanish blockading squadron.
January-February. Lafayette discusses with French ministry plans for an expeditionary force to be sent to America.
February 29. Charles III issues Declaration of Armed Neutrality.
March 20. Lafayette sails from Rochefort for America on L’Hermione.
May 10. Arrives at Washington’s camp, Morristown, New Jersey.
May 12. Americans surrender at Charleston.
July 10. French expeditionary force under Rochambeau and Ternay arrives off Newport.
July 24-ca. August 5. Lafayette confers with Rochambeau and Ternay at Newport.
August 15. Assumes command of light division.
September 25. Benedict Arnold’s treason discovered.
September 29-30. Lafayette sits on court-martial of Major André.
October 7. Battle of Kings Mountain, South Carolina.
December 15. Ternay dies.
December 20. Britain issues manifesto authorizing reprisals against United Provinces (unofficial declaration of war).
December 30. Detachment under Benedict Arnold arrives at Portsmouth, Virginia.

1781
January 4. Lafayette attempts to negotiate with the mutineers of the Pennsylvania Line.
January 5-7. Arnold occupies Richmond.
February 20. Lafayette appointed to command expedition against Arnold in Virginia ("Portsmouth expedition").
March 1. Articles of Confederation formally ratified.
March 8. Destouches's squadron leaves Newport for the Chesapeake.
March 16. Battle of Cape Henry ("First Battle of the Capes"). Destouches returns to Rhode Island.
April 6. Washington orders Lafayette's detachment to South Carolina to join Greene.
April 25. Lafayette arrives at Fredericksburg. Phillips' army enters Petersburg, burns warehouses; Greene's troops repulsed at Hobkirk's Hill, near Camden.
April 29. Lafayette's detachment arrives at Richmond.
April 30. Finding Richmond defended, Phillips withdraws his troops and sails down the James River.
May 1. Greene orders Lafayette to remain in Virginia and officially gives him command of the troops in that state.
May 6. The Comte de Barras arrives at Boston from France to command the French squadron in America.
May 11. British garrison surrenders Fort at Orangeburg, South Carolina.
May 22. British surrender Fort Mott, South Carolina.
May 23. British reinforcement of 1,800 men sails from Staten Island to join Phillips.
May 25. British surrender Fort Granby, South Carolina.
May 29. Cornwallis' army joins Arnold's at Petersburg; Cornwallis takes command.
May 29-30. In camp at Richmond.
May 24. Cornwallis' army leaves Petersburg for expedition into Virginia.
June 1-21. French army leaves Newport to join Washington's army on the Hudson.
June 2. French forces under De Grasse capture the garrison on Tobago.
June 10. Wayne, with 1,000 Pennsylvania troops, joins Lafayette.
June 21. Cornwallis evacuates Richmond, begins march to Williamsburg; Lafayette's army follows.
July 4. Cornwallis evacuates Williamsburg, begins march to Portsmouth.
June 24. Lafayette received into Masonic lodge of Saint-Jean d’Écosse du Contrat Social.
September. Britain successfully defends Gibraltar against Spanish siege.
September 7. French emissary leaves for England for secret talks with Shelburne.
September 17. Birth of Lafayette’s daughter Marie-Antoinette-Virginie.
September 24. Britain’s agent in Paris receives revised commission to treat with the “thirteen United States.”
October. Proposed Franco-Spanish expedition against the British West Indies under d’E斯塔ing.
November 30. Britain and the United States sign preliminaries to peace.
December. British forces evacuate Charleston.
December 2. Lafayette joins Franco-Spanish expedition at Brest.
December 23. Lands at Cadiz.

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Mid-March. Lafayette returns to Paris and accepts rank of maréchal de camp.
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March 29. Lafayette returns to France as controller of finances.
April 3. Fox-North coalition takes power in Great Britain.
April 8. Catherine, empress of Russia, issues manifesto announcing annexation of the Crimea.
April 10. Congress passes resolution of approval and thanks for Lafayette’s services to the United States while in Europe.
May 5. Lafayette recommended for the Cross of St. Louis.
July 2. British order in council prohibits all trade between British West Indies and United States.
August 22. Spain officially receives American chargé.
September. Peace of Versailles.
October 29. Congress resolves to appoint Adams, Franklin, and Jefferson commissioners to negotiate treaties with maritime powers of Europe.
November 3. Continental army is mustered out.
November 4. Calonne replaces d’Ormesson as controller of finances.
December 13. Lafayette sends Calonne observations on American commerce in France.

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1785

January 20. Lafayette arrives in France from American tour.

January 24. Speaks to provincial estates at Brittany. States General accept French mediation in dispute between Austria and United Provinces.

January 25. First meeting of New York Society for Promoting the Manumission of Slaves.

February 14. Congress authorizes $80,000 to treat with Berbary States.


March 7. Congress accepts Franklin’s resignation as minister to France.

March 10. Jefferson chosen to replace Franklin.

March 30. Lafayette requested to secure munitions for Virginia.

May 5. Takes up cause of Protestants in France.

May 7. Proposal made to buy American whale oil to light Paris in response to Lafayette’s efforts.

June. Spanish chargé arrives in United States.

June 1. George III officially receives Adams as American minister.

June 7. Lafayette authorizes purchase of estate in French Guinea for experiment in emancipating slaves.

August. Urges suppression of French tobacco monopoly to aid American merchants.

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August–October. Tours German states.

August 4. Arrives at Prince Henry’s country estate in Rheinsberg.

September 2–3. Arrives in Vienna; presented to Emperor Joseph II.

November 8. Treaty of Fontainebleau.

November–December. Lafayette persuades Castries to purchase naval stores from United States.


November 17. Calonne informs Lafayette of diminished duties on American fish oils.

1786

Works for French trade concessions for the United States as a member of the “American Committee.”

August. Buys plantation in Cayenne for experiment in slave emancipation.

1787

February 22–May 25. Attends Assembly of Notables.

May 24. Calls for toleration of the Protestants and reform of the criminal law.

1788

November 6–December 12. Attends Second Assembly of Notables; supports doubling of the Third Estate.

1789

March 26. Elected deputy to the Estates General from Auvergne.

June 27. Joins the Third Estate, which had constituted itself as the National Assembly.


July 15. Chosen vice-president of the National Assembly.

July 14. Fall of the Bastille.

July 15. Lafayette proclaimed commandant of the Paris National Guard.

October 5–6. Leads Paris National Guard to Versailles; brings the king to Paris.

1790


July 14. Presides at Federation ceremony of the National Guard.

1791


July 17. Demonstration at the Champ de Mars dispersed by the National Guard.

October 8. Lafayette resigns as commandant of the Paris National Guard.

1792

cr. January 1. Takes command of the Army of the Center at Metz.

May–August. Commands the Army of the Left.

August 10. Arrest of the king.

August 19. Lafayette impeached by the Convention. Emigrates and is captured by the Austrians.
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September 18, 1792–September 19, 1797. Imprisoned at Wesel, Magdeburg, Neisse, and Olmütz.

1795
October 24. Joined by wife and daughters in prison at Olmütz.

1797
September 19. Released from prison under the terms of the Treaty of Campo-Formio.
November. Moves to Lemkühlen, Holstein.

1799
November 9–10 (18 Brumaire). Establishment of the Consulate.

1800
January. Lafayette establishes residence at La Grange.

1807
December 24. Death of his wife, Adrienne.

1815
Begins first of several terms in the Chamber of Deputies.
June 18. Waterloo.
June 22. Lafayette insists on Bonaparte's abdication.

1824

1825

1830
July 28–30. Plays leading role in Revolution of 1830.

1834
le met à portée de [fournir]. J’envoie Cette lettre par Quadruplicata, et l’origin-

nal que je joins ici peut Rester [déposé aux] Bureaux.

Quant au goudron et au chanvre c’est de la Baie de chesapeake qu’on
[pourroit] tirer Ces deux articles. La Caroline du Nord est l’Etat le plus Riche
en goudron, [en en] transporte aisément à Norfolk et Portsmouth à l’entrée de
la Baie. Le chanvre [est] un peu Rare, mais nous devrions, je crois, encourager
cette Culture aux depend de [celle de] Russes, et les derrières de la Virginie en
fourniroient Beaucoup qu’on fera descendre le pottowmack. Je connais une
Bonne maison à Baltimore dont un des chefs etoit [mon aide-de-camp], et je
voudrois avoir une lettre qui authorisat la maison de McHenry à Baltimore [de
commercer] à toulon ou à Rochefort pour une Valeur determinée de goudron
et de chanvre. L’arrangement Vaudroit d’autant mieux que j’ai demandé pour
celle à Marseilles, [on peut] aussi avoir de la Rochelle une Cargaison de
Marchandises françaises dont [l’envoy] assureroit en partie la paiement; et si
l’expérience Reussit on etabliront par là une Navette d’échanges.

J’imagine que les Negociants Americains qui fournissent le Roy peuvent
[riter] sur lui des lettres de change en envoiant la facture, lettre d’assurance, et
annonçant le depart du Bâtiment Comme ils font avec Mmr le Couleux et
vraisemblablement avec les autres maisons de Commerce.

J’ai l’Honneur d’etre avec Respect Monseigneur Votre très Humble et obeis-
sant Serviteur.

LAFAYETTE

APPENDIX II

CALENDAR OF
OMITTED LETTERS

Fr at the end of an entry indicates that the document is in French.

1782

[1782?] AM [memorandum on preliminary articles for treaty with Great Brit-
ain] (DLC: Benjamin Franklin Papers).

[1782] LS from Ségur [congratulating Lafayette on his glorious campaigns]  
(NIC: Dean Collection), Fr.

[1782] from Charles Grant [asking Lafayette to petition Congress for land for
him] (PPU), Fr.

[1782] AL [draft] from John Jay [presenting his compliments] (NNC: John Jay
Papers).

[1782] AL [draft] from Jay [expressing gratitude for Lafayette’s efforts on
behalf of the United States] (NNC: John Jay Papers).

[1782] AMS [summary of conversation with Vergennes on America, written at
the minister’s request] (AAE: Mémoires et documents, Etats-Unis, vol. 2,
fols. 97–99), Fr.

[1782] L from Castries [concerning Lafayette’s appointment as quartermaster
general] (AN: Marine, C7 157, dossier de Lafayette), Fr.

January 3. ALS [draft] from Robert Livingston [presenting greetings and
congratulations] (NHi: Robert R. Livingston Papers).

January 18. ALS to John Hanson, president of Congress [announcing his

January 18. ALS to Robert Livingston [telling of his arrival in Lorient and
subsequent departure for Versailles] (NHi: Robert R. Livingston Papers).

January 22. L to Franklin [apologizing for delay in visiting him] (PPAmP:
Franklin Papers, vol. 24, no. 39), Fr.

January 29. ALS to Livingston [discussing England’s determination to continue
the fighting and his appeals to the French ministers on America’s behalf]  
(NHi: Robert R. Livingston Papers).

[February] ALS [endorsement on memorial] to Ségur [for promotion of Gimat] 
(SHA: Ya 514), Fr.
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February 3. LS from Mailebois [introducing himself] (NIC: Dean Collection).
February 12. LbC from Franklin [thanking Lafayette for all his efforts] (DLC: Benjamin Franklin Papers, Series 1, vol. 7).
February 21. D [copy] [endorsement of January 16, 1783].
February 25. M [copy] [list of officers for whom Lafayette requests his king’s consideration] (SHA: Ya 534).
February 28. L to Franklin [requesting to see Franklin] (PPAmP: Franklin Papers, vol. 49, no. 170).
March 23. ALS to James Searle [informing of arms to be shipped to Pennsylvania] (PHi: Conarroe Papers).
March 28. LbC from Franklin [plan for securing release of American prisoners and bringing them to France] (DLC: Benjamin Franklin Papers).
March 30. AL to John Hanson, president of Congress [apologizing for delay in returning to America] (DNA: RG 360, PCC 156).
March 30. AL to Robert Livingston [discussing siege of Gibraltar; taking of St. Kitts; state of British internal affairs] (NHi: Robert R. Livingston Papers).
March 30. LS to Robert Morris [concerning Franklin getting vessels to carry supplies to America; purchase of arms for Pennsylvania] (Parke-Bernet Catalogue, January 22–24, 1941; October 18, 1955).
April 12. L [transcription of deciphered letter to Robert Livingston] [state of British internal affairs; American campaign] (DNA: RG 360, Misc. PCC, Letters Relating to Spain and Barbary States).

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April 12. ALS to Livingston [introducing Comte de Ségur; justifying his remaining in Europe] (NHi: Robert R. Livingston Papers).
April 12. ALS to Livingston [introducing Prince de Broglie] (NHi: Robert R. Livingston Papers).
April 12. AL to Benjamin Lincoln [introducing Prince de Broglie] (MHi: Benjamin Lincoln Papers).
April 12. AL to Benjamin Lincoln [introducing Comte de Ségur] (MHi: Benjamin Lincoln Papers).
April 12. ALS to Benjamin Lincoln [introducing Chevalier de Lameth] (CSmH: Rare Book 48644).
April 12. ALS to Robert Morris [sending of supplies to America; introducing Comte de Ségur] (PHi: Simon Gratz Collection).
April 12. ALS to Alexander Hamilton [discussing British affairs and explaining his delay in returning to America] (DLC: Alexander Hamilton Papers).
April 13. L to Franklin [suggesting a commission he was performing for Franklin be delayed until the following day] (PPU).
May 12. LS from the Marquis de Ségur [responding to Lafayette’s recommendations for compensation and positions for various French officers who served in America] (AN: Section moderne, C 358, 1901, pièce 6).
May 16. ALS to Jacques le Bragant [discussing American independence from Britain] (InU: Lafayette Mss. 1).
[June 10] AD [draft] [granting conditional parole by Lafayette to Cornwallis and his aides] (DLC: Benjamin Franklin Papers).
June 21. ALS to Franklin [British emissary met with Vergennes; Lafayette will wait on Franklin next day] (DLC: Benjamin Franklin Papers).
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June 29. ALS to Alexander Hamilton [apologizing for not having returned to America; speaking of de Grasse's defeat] (DLC: Alexander Hamilton Papers).

June 29. ALS to John Hanson, president of Congress [explaining motives for staying in Europe] (DNA: RG 360, PCC 156 p. 394).

June 29. ALS to Livingston [explaining reasons for remaining in Europe] (NHi: Robert R. Livingston Papers).

June 29. ALS to George Augustine Washington [apologizing for remaining in France; announcing Jay's arrival in Paris] (PHI: Society Collection).


July 11. ALS to [Linguet] [sending sum of money to help an acquaintance] (PHI), Fr.


[September] AM [memorandum to Franklin proposing, on behalf of Vergennes, that a sentence be added to Oswald's commission] (DLC: Benjamin Franklin Papers), Fr.


[September 9] AL to Sarah Livingston Jay [offering to accompany her to the theater] (NNC: John Jay Papers).

September 9. DS [power of attorney for Morizot] (NNPM), Fr.

September 13. LbC from Franklin [Jay's reaction to Rayneval's departure; asking Lafayette to continue efforts for America] (PHI: Franklin Papers).

September 17. L to Franklin [announcing birth of daughter Virginie] (PPAmP: Franklin Papers), Fr.


September 19. ALS to Henry Laurens [British unwillingness to treat with America on equal footing] (ScHi: Henry Laurens Papers).

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[November 27] ALS from Robert Morris [thanking Lafayette for his kind attention to his boys in France] (Hennels Catalogue, January 16, 1917).


November 2. ALS [typescript] to John Barry [expressing pleasure over his arrival] (Louis Gottschalk Collection, private collector).

November 2. L to Gouvion [errands for Gouvion to perform in America] (NIC: Dean Collection).


November 7. L [draft] from Vergennes [concerning Ridley's request for arms] (AAE: Correspondence politique, Etats-Unis, vol. 25, fol. 497), Fr.


November 30. ALS to Séguir [discussing Lafayette's joining with Franco-Spanish expeditionary force and other military matters] (SHA: A' 3732, piece 114), Fr.

[November 28] ALS to [Franklin] [announcing granting of 6-million-livre loan to the United States] (DLC: Benjamin Franklin Papers).


December 9. AL to Prince de Poix [announcing imminent departure on expedition] (Mme André Balleyguier), Fr.


December 4. AL to Prince de Poix [imminent departure of expedition] (Mme André Balleyguier), Fr.

December 4. AL to Prince de Poix [Lafayette's unhappiness at leaving friends and family] (Mme André Balleyguier), Fr.

December 4. ALS to Franklin [imminent departure of expedition] (DLC: Benjamin Franklin Papers).

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December 6. AL to Poix [returning because of bad winds; discussing gossip over Mme de Simiane] (Mme André Balleyguier), Fr.


December 8. ALS to Franklin [expressing desire to serve the United States any way he can] (DLC: Benjamin Franklin Papers).

December 8. AL to Poix [winds changed, fleet departing again] (Mme André Balleyguier), Fr.

December 13. AL to Poix [repeating affection for Poix and all his family] (Mme André Balleyguier), Fr.

December 15. L [draft] from Montaran [discussing expedition] (AN: F12 1776), Fr.


December 19. AL to Poix [announcing arrival at Cadiz] (Mme André Balleyguier), Fr.

December 31. AL to Poix [prospects of peace; Spanish women] (Mme André Balleyguier), Fr.

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[1783] ALS to [unknown] [discussing affair with Abbé Murat] (CtY: Benjamin Franklin Collection), Fr.

[1783] ALS to Sarah L. Jay [announcing desire to escort her and Mr. Jay to theater] (NCC: John Jay Papers).


[1783] from Jay [declining dinner invitation] (NCC: John Jay Papers).

January 1. ALS to Vergennes [prospects of peace] (AAE: Correspondance politique, Etats-Unis, vol. 23, fol. 9), Fr.

January 2. AL to Poix [thanking for letters; expressing affection] (Mme André Balleyguier), Fr.


January 19. AL to Poix [peace will disappoint his plans; satisfaction with composition of expedition] (Mme André Balleyguier), Fr.

January 16. AL to Poix [uncertainty over his plans if peace comes] (Mme André Balleyguier), Fr.

January 21. AL to Poix [imminent departure from Cadiz] (Mme André Balleyguier), Fr.

January 28. AL to Poix [asking whether there will be peace or war] (Mme André Balleyguier), Fr.

February 5. ALS to Nathanael Greene [discussing peace; need for unity in America] (DLC: Nathanael Greene Papers).

February 5. L [copy] to [Matthias Ogden] [concerning signing of peace preliminaries] (MH: Sparks Mss. 49.5).

February 7. ALS to d'Estaing [sending Triomphé to Philadelphia with news of peace] (AN: Fonds de la Marine, C7 157, dossier de Lafayette), Fr.

February 11. L [copy] from d'Estaing [reporting on sending Triomphé to Philadelphia; hoping to see Lafayette in Madrid] (AN: Fonds de la Marine B8 801, dossier 9), Fr.

February 15. L [copy, fragment] to [Mme de Simiane] [concerning departure from Madrid and return to Paris] (NIC: Dean Collection), Fr.

February 15. AL to Poix [at Madrid, will be delayed] (Mme André Balleyguier), Fr.

March 2. ALS to Washington [discussing difficulties with Spanish court] (PEL: Hubbard Collection).

March 9. ALS to Samuel Adams [congratulating on general peace; expressing disappointment over not being able to annex Canada] (NN: Samuel Adams Papers).

March 11. ALS from d'Estaing [discussing Lafayette's efforts in Spain] (NNPM), Fr.

March 17. ALS from d'Estaing [fleet departing for Brest] (NIC: Dean Collection), Fr.

March 27. AL to Aglaé d'Hunolstein [bidding farewell] (RP:CB), Fr.

March 30. AL to Adrienne de Noailles de Lafayette [business concerns with his aunt] (ALG), Fr.

March 30. ALS to Montaran [received his memoir on commerce] (AN: F12 1775), Fr.

April 7. ALS to Franklin [discussing Franklin's proposed visit to Vergennes] (PPU).


April 26. ALS to La Colombe [prospects for La Colombe's military career] (AN: Section moderne, C 358, 1901, pièce 7), Fr.

[ca. May 10] ALS to Séguir [writing on behalf of Gimat to obtain pension for him] (CtY: Benjamin Franklin Collection), Fr.


May 12. ALS from Clinton [responding to Lafayette's request to set the record straight on reports concerning American troops] (MfM-C), Fr.


May 12. AL to d'Ormesson [means of attracting American commerce] (AN: 144 AP [Archives d'Ormesson] 139, dossier 5, pièce 30), Fr.

May 19. LbC from Henry Laurens [expressing appreciation of Lafayette's role in peace negotiations] (ScHi: Henry Laurens Papers).

May 18. LS from Castries [discussion of Captain Fanning] (PPAmP: Society Collection), Fr.


[June] M from Lafayette [memorandum on American commerce, recommend-
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September 10. AL to Adrienne [discussing illness of friend Roger] (ALG), Fr.
September 17. AL to Adrienne [discussing Roger's illness] (ALG), Fr.
September 28. ALS to Jay [Jay's imminent departure from Europe] (NNC: John Jay Papers).
October 17. L to Franklin [dinner invitation] (PPAmP: Franklin Papers, vol. 30, no. 28).
November 9. ALS from Nathanael Greene [recommending Governor Reed] (NNC: Reed Papers, vol. VII, no. 77).
[December] ALS to Vergennes [mentioning Laurens's ill health and decision to return to the United States] (AAE: Correspondance politique, États-Unis, vol. 26, fol. 269), Fr.
[December?] D [draft] from Lafayette and Chastellux to Franklin [recommending Dr. Coste] (PPAmP: Franklin Papers, vol. 57, no. 123), Fr.
December 10. ALS to Secretary of American Philosophical Society [concerning French balloon experiments] (PPAmP).
December 20. ALS to [Ségur] [letter of introduction] (PPAmP: Feinstein Collection), Fr.
December 26. ALS to Thomas Mifflin, President of Congress [relating news of British internal affairs] (DNA: RG 360, PCC 158, p. 365).

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January 19. LS to La Colombe [discussing the Society of the Cincinnati] (AN: Section moderne, C 958, 1901, pièce 8), Fr.

January 23. ALS to Rayneval [announcing his brother's acceptance into the Society of the Cincinnati] (Phi: Dreer Collection), Fr.
February 5. ALS from Thomas Mullens [testifying to his service in the army] (Papers of the Society of the Cincinnati, Washington, D.C.).
February 26. ALS to [Jay] [announcing four free ports for American merchants] (CtY: Benjamin Franklin Collection).
March 5. ADS [endorsement of Jay's statement on complaints about Chevalier de Quexney's conduct] (AN: Fonds de la Marine, B2 426, pièce 84).

March 9. L to Franklin [dinner invitation] (NNC: DeWitt Clinton Collection).
March 9. ALS to Washington [supporting claims of French naval captains to be included in the Society of the Cincinnati] (PEL: Hubbard Collection).
March 17. ALS to Jeremiah Wadsworth [detailing changes in British ministry; plans to go to America] (CtHi: Jeremiah Wadsworth Papers).
March 23. ALS to Antoine-Lewis Chaumont de la Millière [dealing with over-taxation and lack of good transportation networks] (CtY: Benjamin Franklin Collection), Fr.
March 24. L [copy] from Nathanael Greene [thanking Lafayette for his offer to advance money to Griffin Greene] (CSMh).
March 27. L to Franklin [accepting dinner invitation] (PPAmP: Franklin Papers, vol. 31, no. 169), Fr.
April 4. L [copy] from Washington [inviting Adrienne to stay with his family; hoping to see Lafayette soon; thanking him for the plated ware] (DLC: George Washington Papers).

April 5.ALS [draft] from Jay [declining dinner invitation] (NNC: John Jay Papers).
April 10. ALS to Vergennes [bringing Colonel Harmar to Versailles] (AAE: Correspondence politique, Etats-Unis, vol. 27, fol. 275), Fr.
April 15. ALS to Jeremiah Wadsworth [complaining of lack of American trade] (Ct: Governor Joseph Trumbull Collection).
April 19. ALS to Washington [will be leaving for America in June] (CtHi: Jeremiah Wadsworth Papers).
April 20. ALS to [Lingue] [planning trip to America] (INU: Lafayette Ms. 1.), Fr.
April 22. ALS to Washington [discussing upcoming trip to America] (CtHi: Jeremiah Wadsworth Papers).
April 28. L to Franklin [dinner invitation] (PPAmP: Franklin Papers, vol. 43, no. 167), Fr.
May 9. ALS to Jay [expressing disappointment at not being able to travel with him] (CtY: Benjamin Franklin Collection).
May 15. ALS to [Ségur] [recommending Gouvion and Laumoy for their military service] (NIC: Dean Collection), Fr.
May 17. ALS to [Francolin] [announcing arrêt du conseil for free ports] (PPU).
May 25. L to William Temple Franklin [suggesting someone wishes to use title of Benjamin Franklin's secretary in order to obtain free passage to America] (PPAmP: Franklin Papers, vol. 42, no. 146), Fr.
[June] AL to Adrienne [giving last instructions and notifying of planned return in January] (ALG), Fr.
[June 3] ALS to Franklin [relating American news and planned departure for America] (PPAmP: Franklin Papers, vol. 32, no. 3).
June 23 ALS [photostat] to [Calonne] [discussing addition of another free port] (Louis Gottschalk Collection, private collector), Fr.
[June 30. AL to Adrienne [expressing love and sorrow over leaving her] (ALG), Fr.
August 10 ALS to Washington [announcing expected arrival at Mount Vernon] (private collector).
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October 25. M [printed copy] [address to Lafayette by former Rhode Island officers] (Newport Mercury, no. 1205).

October 25. M [printed copy] [reply to address from Rhode Island officers] (Newport Mercury, no. 1205).

October 25. M [speech in honor of Lafayette by the mayor of Newport, Rhode Island] (RHI).

October 26 M [LbC] [address of welcome to Lafayette from the Rhode Island General Assembly] (Rhode Island Colony Records, vol. 12, State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations).

October 26. M [LbC] (Lafayette's reply to the Rhode Island General Assembly (ibid.).

October 29. M [printed copy] [address to Lafayette by the gentlemen of Salem] (Massachusetts Centinel, 2, no. 13 (November 3, 1784).

October 29] AMS Lafayette's response to welcome at Salem) (MSAE).

November 4. ALS to Livingston [expressing regret at missing him thus far in his trip] (NHi: Misc. Ms. Livingston).


November 25. ALS to [Jay] [apologizing for the publication of preliminary accounts of negotiations at Fort Schuyler by St. Jean de Crevecouer] (DNA: RG 580, PCC 156, p. 396).

November 30. L [copy] to [William Paca] [addressed to the Governor and the Council of Maryland] (MH: Sparks Ms. 29).


[December 9] AL [draft] from John Jay [announcing the appointment of a committee of thirteen to take formal leave of Lafayette] (NN: John Jay Papers).


December 16. ALS to Henry Knox [Farewell; asking Knox to send his son to France for education with his own] (MHi: Henry Knox Papers).

December 17. AL to [unknown] [introducing John McHenry] (DLC: James McHenry Papers).


December 19. L [printed copy] to the President of the Charleston Library Society [thanking the Society for electing him to its membership] (Newport Mercury, no. 1234).

December 19. ALS to [James Monroe] [announcing departure for Europe] (NN: Monroe Papers).

December 19. ALS to [unknown] [taking leave] (PPT: Manuscript no. 1320).

December 19. ALS to Jonathan Trumbull [announcing departure and apolo-
gizing for being unable to return to Connecticut] (Ct: Jonathan Trumbull, Sr., Papers).

December 21. ALS to Washington [bidding farewell; will see Washington again; continued trouble with Britain] (PEL: Hubbard Collection).

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February 6. LS [copy] from Jacques Le Maire to [Lafayette?] [hoping he will return to his military career] (Vi), Fr.

February 9. ALS to Nathanael Greene [announcing arrival in Paris; giving news of Griffin Greene] (OCL WHI).


February 8. LS [copy] from Jacques Le Maire to [Lafayette?] [hoping he will return to his military career] (Vi), Fr.

February 9. ALS to Washington [safely arrived; giving Europe's political news; thanking him for his letters to Anasassie de Lafayette] (PEL: Hubbard Collection).


February 15. L to Franklin [dinner invitation] (PPAmP: Franklin Papers, vol. 33, no. 32), Fr.

[March] M [memorandum on tributes paid to the Barbary States by European nations; enclosed in L to American Commissioners, April 8, 1785] (DNA, RG 350, PCC 98, pp. 89–94), Fr.


March 10. L [copy] to [William Carmichael] [discussing troubles with Spain; Indian attacks on United States settlements] (DLC: Thomas Jefferson Papers).


March 15. ALS to [Franklin] [introducing a Canadian] (PPAmP: Franklin Papers, vol. 33, no. 52).

March 16. ALS to Henry Knox [informing him of European political affairs] (Knox Memorial Association).

March 16. ALS to Elbridge Gerry [reporting trouble with the commercial concessions] (DLC: Elbridge Gerry Papers).

March 16. ALS to Elias Boudinot [relaying European political news] (NHHi).

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