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Sir

I have the honor to thank yr. Excellency for ye. news wh. you have been pleased to communicate — Ld. Cornwallis has surrendered — ~~this piece of intelligence you have probably not have received before this reaches you~~ without

I ~~have the~~ — I have just ~~gie~~ desired Gen. Washington to send me back my troops, of wh. probably he will no longer stand in need, as Ld. Cornwallis has surrendered, wh. perhaps you will not have heard before this reaches you; as soon as they are embarked, I shall quit the Bay of Chesapeake, & I will endeavour still to contribute to ~~the~~ welfare of the U. S. in shifting, if I can, Sir Henry Clinton —

I have the honor to be with the most respectful attachment

Yr. Excellency's
most obedt. hum. Servt.
De Grasse

La ville de Paris
18th Oct. 1781 —

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