My dear Sir

Philadelphia August 6th 1782

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The French fleet are now off the Capes of Delaware, of which they have given the Merchants here, notice. - On the 14th May Mr Jay was on his way from Madrid to Paris. He confirms the Amount of the Dutch having acknowledged our Independance - this with the Spirited proceedings of the Irish parliament must add greatly to the embarassments of our Enemy, and disgose them to think seriously of peace - Mr Fox's Speech in the House of Commons seems Calculated to prepare the nation for it's the picture he has drawn of their public affairs must be Alarming, and will probably incline them either to a general peace, or a more vigorous prosecution of the war by Sea, but I hope for the former, God grant it may soon take place - their late Success in the Action with Count de Grasse, may raise their Spirits, and afford them some Consolation, but it can be but Momentary, when they reflect on the additional Strength the Dutch alliance must give to the Navy of France and again - the June packet is arrived at New York. nothing transpired - We hear no more of Sir Guy, than that he was placed in the most remote regions - Savannah believes is evacuated and some late movements indicate the same taking place at Charles Town

With sincere regard I have the honor to be Dear Sir your Sincere & most Hble Servt.

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