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Philadelphia
9th July 1778

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My last to Your Excellency was from York under the 20th Ult.

Inclosed Your Excellency will receive printed Copy of a Letter from the Commissioners at Paris dated the 18th May the original of which I presented to Congress yesterday — Your Excellency is requested to take such measures as shall appear most effectual, in case of the arrival of a British Squadron in Chesepeak Bay for apprizing any French Fleet or squadron which may appear on the Coast of the number strength & station of the Enemy & for accomodating any French Fleet whose Commander may be disposed to come within the Bay with good Pilots. — Mons. Gerard as Plenipotentiary from the Court of Versailles to these United States is on board one of the Ships in the expected French Fleet.

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I have the Honor
To be with great regard
Sir Your Excellency's
Most humble Servant
~~Henry Laurens~~
President
of Congress.

His Excellency
Gov. Johnson
Maryland