

G. W. Lafayette
to
Captain Francis Allyn

Norfolk, february the 25th 1825--

My dear Captain, today we begin our long journey, and that by the finest weather in the World, but the season here has it seems been very rainy, et we will find the roads very bad. --Now I must apply to your friendship, for the sending of our letters to us, so that they may reach us on the road.-- the last melancholy news I had from my family have rendered it I would say necessary for me to receive new information from France. My expectations as to the hope of receiving in Washington the letters brought by the packet which was to sail from havre on the fifteenth of january have failed, and I left directions to Washington, for those letters to be sent to Charleston, in case they would come to the city after our departure.-- Now I send you a note which will show you the days on which we will leave every place, knowing that you will be so good as to calculate the time necessary for the mail to go from New Yorck to every one of the places designated, so that our letters do not arrive, the very day we depart.-- if you sail for france my friend, before we have done our tour, be so good as to entrust somebody at New Yorck with the care of those letters of which now we stand so much in need. My happiness so great here, is now much clouded.--

Now we must know also, if you decidedly take the command of the Cadmus again, when you go, and whether we may hope to cross the ocean with you, in August if we are not obliged to go in a ship belonging to the Navy, you know my dear Allyn how much we should like to be carried home by the same friend who so kindly brought us here.--

I told you once you know that I had been charged by a friend, a very learned young man in france, to try to carry over to him, two oppossums which it has not yet been possible to perform, before, though the professors

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of the Jardines Planters have wished it most earnestly. I must confess I am not at all disposed to think of anything but my grief, but however, as my directions for procuring these animals, had been given before and as I have two males and two females ready I think I must send them, especially as I have discovered that the observing of them would be still more important for the good of science than I had believed at first. --

I have in your friendship confidence enough, for to ask you to take charge of them when you go, and to have them put on the roof of the Diligence in havre for paris, when you go there, the only thing is that they must have always water, and earth in their cage.

Will you only be so good as to write, to Colonel Lehmanowsky, whose direction is written under the inclosed note and to tell him, how he may send those animals to you in time by a trusty master of a New Yorck sloop.--

they do not leave me time to say more

G. W. Lafayette.

Captain Francis Allyn of the Ship Cadmus,

New Yorck.

G. W. Lafayette

to

Captain Francis Allyn

Milledgeville (Georgia). March the 27th 1825.

My dear Captain, I received in Charleston your letter of the 1rst of March, and if I delayed so much in thanking you for it, it was because I thought that I would a little later be still more sure of my father's determination as to his return to france. -- I thank you my dear friend for your kind concern about my family--misfortune. I depended upon it, knowing your heart as I do know it. --those that are left to me are well, and I hope that we will find at New Orleans, the letters brought by the packet of the fifteenth of february from havre, understanding that from New Yorck, they go by the way of Nashville to Orleans, more expeditiously than by this road.--

My father thanks you for your letter to him, he does not think at all of returning by the way of England, and that is not to be thought of, by us neither, but he is determined to go on the fifteenth of August, and would be very happy to think that the same friend, to whom he is indebted for his arrival in this blessed country, would pilot him home again. -- it is certainly his sincere wish that matters should be arranged so, only one thing might happen which would on his part prevent his accomplishing that wish, that would be if by chance, any of the U. S. vessels was naturally sent over to Europe, and if then a passage was offered to him by government, in that case he would think it a duty to accept, but we have no anticipation of any such offer being made. -- I need not add my dear friend that Levasseur and myself will be very sorry if we do not return with you. he joins me in the hope that we will find ourselves again under the command of our dear captain.

I write to Mr. Whitlock who has been so kind to us since we are in this country, to ask leave of him, to direct to him the things that we want to carry back to Europe, and already I have taken the liberty to give his direction, to

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some persons, who wanted to know how they could send some things to us in New Yorck.-- I must depend on you my dear friend, to beg Mr. Whitlock, to give orders in his house, so that an account of the expences, resulting from his compliance with my request be kept, and given to me when I will be in New Yorck.

I have no doubt but that you received a letter I wrote to you from Norfolk, in which I spoke a great deal about Opossums, and I rely so much on your friendship, that I am sure you have been so good as to enter into communication on that subject with Colonel Lamanosky in Washington. I am certain that a more wished for present cannot be made to some learned men in paris, one of whom is a particular friend of mine, and who I know will be ever grateful to the person who will give him an opportunity of making an important discovery for science in natural history by observations on those animals who never could be got alive in Paris. -- When I will write to you in sending our letters for the fifteenth of May, I will also send you one for the friend above mentioned.--

farewell my dear friend, your forever.

G. W. Lafayette.

Captain Francis Allyn of the Ship Cadmus

New Yorck.

G. W. Lafayette
to
Captain Francis Allyn

New Orleans, April the 15th, 1825. -

My dear Captain, I must make haste to close our letters and send them to you as I have but a quarter of an hour before the departure of the mail. --

tell my family that I love them still more if possible, since we are unhappy.--

I hope you will come back soon enough to go away with us.-

Yours forever

G. W. Lafayette

if the opossums can be carried from New Yorck, with you, just give them to my sister-in-law - Mde. de Laubepin telling her that they are for Mr. Flourens.

G. W. Lafayette

to

Captain Francis Allyn

Paris May the 13th 1827.

I receive this very moment your letter dated from yesterday; as I just arrived myself from La Grange. -- I congratulate you and myself on your happy arrival to havre, but I am very sorry indeed to hear that we cannot have any hope of seeing you in paris.-- I anticipate with great satisfaction the visit of Mrs. Allyn, who I hope considers herself as one of our Family, whose members want to see her again-- and again. --

I cannot thank you enough my dear Friend for your kind offices towards Fournier. Providence sends you again to havre, as a second itself, to finish what you have so generously begun at New York, and to put that unfortunate man into the arms of his friends. --

We have here in paris a schoolmate of his, doctor Mege, who means to go to havre to bring him back to this place, where he has provided for accomodations for him in one of the best asylums.-- As I am going to La Grange with my family the day after tomorrow, would you be so good as to write to doctor Mege, or have somebody to write to him in french, if you won't do it yourself as soon as the former will be in.-- the excellent Mr. Smith has been good enough as to provide lodgings for poor Fournier in havre.--

Doctor Mege's direction follows:

A^e Monsieur Mege Docteur en Medecine chez monsieur le prince
de Talleyrand mest--florentine. No. 2 A Paris.

Pray my dear friend, in your answer to this, inform me of what is become of Jacquemont's Antagonist, I do not suppose that he has followed him to port au prince but Jacquemont's brother here, admitting of that

supposition, has already inquired of me, whether you had written anything to me about it-- So that if you can say to me anything connected with that sad business, you will do me pleasure.

Good bye, me dear Friend, let me hope that some circumstances will oblige you to come as far at least as paris.--

Your devoted friend forever

G. W. Lafayette

A Monsieur
Le Capitaine Allyn
Commandant LeNavire le Cadmus
-----Au havre-----

Lafayette

to

Captain Francis Allyn

La Grange October 26th 1825.

My dear friend

This letter will be delivered By Mr. Morton J. Powel of New Yorck, quite a stranger in france as He is just coming from London, and Who By a series of unforeseen circumstances finds himself unable pay the 200 francs wanting for a passage in the steerage. Be pleased, dear Captain, to charge them on my account in our arrangements with Mr. Whitlock. Mr. Powel's stay in France can only increase the difficultie for him to reach Home as he does not understand much of the language and has no way to make money in this country. Most truly and affectionately

Yours

Lafayette

Mr. Powel returned to N. York in the Cadmus without charge upon Lafayette.

F. A.

Captain Allyn of the Cadmus Havre

Captain Allyn of the Ship Cadmus, havre--
to sail from that port the 1st November

This is Captain Allyn's notation upon the letter made sometime later.

(Editor)

Lafayette
to
Captain Francis Allyn

La Grange May 16th 1827.

My dear Sir

It has been a sad disappointment for the family to hear we should not this time have the pleasure to see you. None could grieve at the unexpected intelligence more than I do. Nor was it possible, on your part, to offer, in compensation, a more pleasing prospect than to let us Hope for the pleasure to see Mrs. Allyn accompany you to La Grange on the next voyage. In the meanwhile we must content ourselves with the possession of the very perfect likeness which good Mr. Brewer has been pleased to send along with that of our excellent friend, Mr. Kiker. The letters, papers, books, corn, and patterns by the stage have not yet reached La Grange. I write Mr. Cabonet requesting him, if there is yet time enough, to open the box, and take out the patterns. In the other case they shall be sure from there to La G. The only packages as yet received by the Cadmus consist of a few letters, some publications on boring for water, very interesting and most neat model of a bee hive which Mrs. Griffith has had the kindness to send to me.

We are all at La Grange, and this very day expect an amiable bridegroom to whom Louise Maubourg is engaged. Hector De Penon, of a piedmontese family, but himself a french citizen and a late french officer. We don't take him for a ghost altho he has been capitally executed (in effigy) at Turin at the time of the insurrection in Piedmont. The marriage will take place some day next month.

I see by a letter of Mr. Skinner to his son that he had some objects to send to me, birds, rabbits ect did you hear of them?

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I expected to have a letter either from Mr. Charles Wilkes, or Mr. Cadwallader Colden respecting our friends the Misses Wrights, their state of health, their philanthropic prospects, the lately published deed in which the Senator Colden is named as one of the trustees, and their intended return on a visit to Europe. Should you have heard in the Colden family some particulars about the dear young ladies I would be much obliged to you for a communication,

My affectionate compliments to our friend Bradford who, I understand, is gone to see you. The whole family join in tender regards to you, and I am, dear Allyn, most affectionately

Yours

Lafayette.

A Monsieur Le Capitaine Allyn
Paquebot Le Cadmus Americaine
Au Havre
Seine Inferieure.

G. W. Lafayette

to

Captain Francis Allyn

La Grange Ce 22 Mai 1827.

My dear Friend--

This letter is to introduce to you -- Doctor Mege, the friend and the medical schoolmate, of poor Fournier. -- Perhaps he may, (and that is most probable) put this letter himself in your own hands, perhaps he will send it to you, and at the same time write to you himself respecting the unfortunate man to whom you have lately lent such an assisting hand. --

how can I sufficiently thank you my dear friend for your kind friendship and the testimonies of it which you give me repeatedly. -- Yes, I hope Mtrs. Allyn will come with you next voyage, when we shall be more happy than we were, last year, but you must arrange matters so, as to be able to give us yourself a little more time would it be only the times necessary for the Cadmus to go to New York, and come back to havre.--

the family here, wants to be remembered to you, and I remain forever your friend

G. W. Lafayette

A Monsieur Le Capitaine Allyn
Commandant Le navire leCadmus.
hotel de New York
---- Au havre ----

G. W. Lafayette

to

Captain Francis Allyn

Paris May the 30th--1827.

My dear Friend, I beg your pardon for not having answered sooner to your kind favor of the 21st. I am sure, if you knew why, you would forgive me.-- Now, I thank you for the account you send me of the expences for Doctor Fournier, you forgot to inclose Mr. Girard's letter which you speak of--- it appears you received the sum of 782 dollars from Mr. Deuponceau, -- so that you have been enabled to pay those expences whose particulars you send me. --- I will in the name of the family credit my father's account of that sum. if I commit any mistake and any remittance would remain unmade, pray be so good as to say it to that most excellent man, Mr. Smith, who would write to me about it, and I would immediately do everyting necessary.---

I am extremely sorry about the delays which have taken place for the taking away from havre poor Fournier.-- it is not my fault and I hope by this time that all those mistakes are at an end. I even suppose that he is now arrived here; but it is late, and I must put my letter in the box if I want it to arrive in time. --

Now my dear Friend, let me wish you a good and safe passage, and a speedy return, let me wish to have the satisfaction to see your amiable partner in life again soon at La Grange. -- it you meet with some of my friends who might be dissatisfied with not hearing from me, by you, be so good my dear friend as to tell them that I have been prevented by an extraordinary circumstance. --- be pleased to receive the warmest expression of my fervent and

sincere friendship---

G. W. Lafayette --

You said something about a draft of two hundred dollars, that Skinner was sending to me for the expences of his son. -- I am far from being in a hurry about it, and mention it only for fear some mistake would take place, as I did not hear of it anymore--

G. W. Lafayette
30 May 1628

Au Capitaine Allyn
Commandant Lenavire le Cadmus
Au havre
--Seine Inferieuse

Captain Francis Allyn

to

W. George Ward

On board Ship Geo. Canning

N. York 1st Sept. 1828

My dear Sir,

I beg you to accept in behalf of yourself and fellow passengers my most sincere thanks and grateful acknowledgement for your very flattering expression of sentiments toward me, and for the very generous present of a piece of plate in testimony of regard. While I accept these testimonials with infinite pleasure, must acknowledge that merely to have done my duty by contributing asmuch to your comfort as the nature of a voyage will admit deserves no consideration from you, but to awaken your esteem and friendship call forth the most grateful feelings of my heart.

Again my dear sir I pray you to accept for yourself and fellow passengers these my acknowledgements and sincere thanks with prayers for the happiness and prosperity fo you severally and to yourself individually for the very kind and friendly mamer you have communicated to me these sentiments allows me to add the homage of the greatest respect and most sincere esteem.

Very respectfully,

Yrmt. obt. st.

Francis Allyn

G. W. Lafayette
to
Captain Francis Allyn

My dear Captain, I send you by Thomas Jones twelve bundles or boxes. Nine of them are on a first list, and those may be declared at the custom house. The three others you will do with them as you please for the best. --

I hope Thomas will be able to carry you also four opossums, and two mocking birds.--

I will pray you to pay all the expenses that Thomas will make on the way to New Yorck, and to give him the means of returning to Philadelphia, -- I will give it back to you in france. -- Pray write to me as soon as all our baggage is arrived. --

The waggon which carried it from Washington to baltimore will not be paid by Thomas, but by us here.--

Farewell my friend good voyage to you.

G. W. Lafayette.

Washington City the 29th of August.

Captain Francis Allyn at Mr. Whitlock's
New Yorck.

G. W. Lafayette

to

Captain Francis Allyn.

Saturday evening february the 18th.

My dear Captain,

I had written to you this morning to tell you that when I proposed that we should go-- together at Mde. de Broglie's tonight, I had forgot that I had a previous engagement about business, with a man who sets out from paris tomorrow. My father said he would dine at Mde. de Broglie's, and stay there the whole evening. he kept my letter, saying that you would find him there, if a little gout whose influence he felt in his knee, did not prevent him from following his plan. --Now he writes to me thathe cannot go there, and that he thinks that you are not at all obliged to go, if you prefer not going there. -- I--(in great haste), find myself obliged to communicate to you that information, regretting very much the impossibility of my going there with you but at the same time, knowing that you would not (of course) set so much value on my introducing you as on my father's introduction.-- (which is my comfort formy not keeping my word)--we are too much the friend of each other, for my fearing that you would not render justice to my desire of doing all that could be agreeable to you.-- Nothing in the world could me more pleasure, than to be devoted to such a friend as you are to me.--

Goodnight my dear Captain

Yours forever

G. W. Lafayette.

A Monsier le Capitaine Allyn
Hotel Le Montmarency A-Paris