

By M. Lafayettes
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Saturday evening February the
18th.

A Monsieur

le Capitaine d'Allyn

Hotel de Montmorency

Paris

My dear Captain,

I had written to you this morning, to tell you that when I proposed that we should go together at M^r. de Broglie's to night, I had forgot that I had a previous engagement about business, with a man who sets out from Paris to morrow. My father said he would dine there at M^r. de Broglie's, and stay there the whole evening, he kept my letter, and I was 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 that he 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 introduc-
-tion. - (which is my comfort for my 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. -

good night my Dear Captain
yours forever -

G. W. La Fayette.