His Excellency Thomas Jefferson Esq.
President of the United States of America

Sir,

I have the honour to forwards you indeed a letter from Madame De Corney, which I kept until this time expecting to go soon to America & to deliver it myself into your hands; but business has prevented me to effectuate that design. You will please to excuse my sending it to you with the cover cut open, but I did it myself at Calais, to prevent it to be read by the French Commissary to whom the searching officers wanted to carry it, as it is not permitted to carry over a sealed letter.

Give me leave, sir, to describe myself with the greatest regard & consideration.

Your Excellency's most humble & obedient servant

London August 25th, 1803.

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