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SIR,

contemplate a high respect for your benevolent and
judgment. I have taken liberty of asking your approbation, on
a subject which my Interest is engaged in which is the chang-
ing of Iron into Steel as near as possible. Therefore I am Induced
to address a line supposing that the President will direct those
measures as shall appear expedient to his wishes. Believing the
Success of undertakings of this kind rest in making genuine
calculation. I am well aware that foreign customs are many instances
comes and may be calculated and every art may be improved.

I am Induced to believe that the Americans is not to be seduced
from Natures beautiful arts, and the Importance of these
researches I dare say will be met the approbation of every noble
mind and sufficiently excuse for the adopting these lines, and as the
pure essence of the mind is ever willing to Incourage Ingenuity I
feel willing to communicate my Intentions to my President at home
I presume will concede the savings of the highest Importance
as it relates to immediate publick utility in ways or publick.
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business or even private concerns can be carried into complete effect
without this valuable article, especially should our ports be in a
state of blockades. The recent has been fostered by the European Nations
in general wishing thereby to extortise their wealth, should this
making of still meet the approbation of the President, I shall by fearing
a late answer the same giving a true statement of the expense. Time
that is necessary for this operation, and should this be the first application
of this kind made to the President, I should esteem it as a particular favor
of having the first chance of conducting the same either for the public
or for individuals. I am a bankrupt taken and an expense at Philadelphia
Therefore wish the President will be so kind as to order an immediate answer
Addressing the same to wyo: Maude, to be left at the Post Office at
Philadelphia until called for, and instruction if favourable I shall
come to Baltimore or Washington, to find the same in practice &c &c &c

Philadelphia, March 1st, 1802

James an American and Poor Mort 6t. and Orry

James H. Marshall

Chas. T. Jefferson