I receive your letter of the 2d. While La Fayette is with us, our county has received him as handsomely as their limited means permitted. Among the toasts they drank “a gratitude which ends not in words,” and I think the sentiment is taken in other States. The President will also give a hint on which Congress will be led to take up the subject. — Mr. L'Épinay is safely received. Hell's book is still going the rounds of the family in which there are so many readers that the quartet is a pretty long one. It shall be safely returned when you need it. I have not yet heard of the telescope, but have no doubt it will come safely — our letters from Almon are encouraging. He had made some very satisfactory engagements, and I think he will enable us to commence on the 1st of February, and that he may arrive with his college even by Christmas. — I am sorry to hear your health was affected by your journey, and have no doubt it was by that part of it which lay through the lower country. I feared for La Fayette at York and on James river before a frost. He and his son however escaped; but La Vassour arrived here under a severe attack of fever, preceded by a severe ague, but it ceased at once. You may visit us with safety in any season, and it will be always with welcome. — Immediately after Mr. Harris left us, I was attacked by an imposthume under the jaw, which is effectually closed what I could take no refreshment but in a liquid from sucked thro' a tube. I suffered much for 3 weeks; but before La Fayette’s arrival I had got well enough to attend him here the ceremonies to which he was subjected. The gland is still swollen, but I hope will go off without further inconvenience. — ever and affectionately yours,

Th. Jefferson