Philadelphia June 18, 1794

Sir,

I have the Pleasure to inform you, that I was informed yesterday by the Secretary of War and the Accountant Genl., that in three days ago, the money to pay the arrears of General Sear's Brigade, performed in the year 1793, will leave the Treasury in the care of D'un's Pitt Smith.

We have in nomination from the President under the date of yesterday for Extraordinary to the French Republic, Charles Bowdoin, John Marshall of Virginia, and Francis Dana of Massachusetts, and it is probable their nominations will be approved by Senate tomorrow. They are to have power to negotiate jointly, if all appear at Paris, and in case of the absence of one or two of them, that one of the one present will have full power to act. It is believed by many people, and indeed I believe by any body, that neither of these gentlemen will be viewed in the most favourable Lightly.
July 20th, 1804.

The French Republic and from this circumstance there are many who think their nomination begins to despair of the hope of the difficulties with France being settled by negotiation. Many people go further to say that a nomination is an indication that the Executive and many others are in some degree in their declaration of their wishes to Peace with France. In telling you what many people think I do not suggest I have offered you my opinion for really such is the unsettled state of things here that I can offer no well founded opinion whether we are to expect Peace or War with France. I believe it will be Saturday before the Representatives return complete their full weeks since the session commenced. I will return their answer to the President’s speech. This will serve to inform you how nicely Parties are balanced so that Dr. Rush of Congress is very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

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