I have yearned to embrace you, my dear sir, but want to tell you how deeply I sympathize in your grief, a grief of which nobody can better than we appreciate the local feelings. I will say here from the 24th, as I had expected again hear you to finish the book you were about to begin. Alas! My affections and remembrances, Lafayette.

February 11, 1829

Lafayette, Dear.
This letter was written by Lafayette to Prof. Morse (inventor of telegraph) who had lost his wife by death, whilst he was painting his portrait now in the City Hall, N.Y. Prof. Morse was a portrait painter.