

June 13 (715) 1791

Dear Sir

I have now to thank you for the two kind Letters I have received in the Course of the last Fortnight. The Deal of Occupation occasioned by the Troubles of Travelling) which have without by on my Hands have prevented my doing it till now. This is also the Reason for my not having yet wrote to Mr Lep but the moment I am arriv'd at Lausanne or Pevage shall do myself this Duty & Pleasure which both Personal Affection for His Merits and Gratitude for His Services to me dictate. You will do me a great Favour Dear General in telling him this

The Death of Poor Mr Meinberg and Joseph Murray  
has struck me very much. Both in their Way are  
I believe a great Loss. a Happy Thing for the former  
that his Daughter was married else the Loss would  
have been much more severe for her. The Tour I  
made to Bourdeaux was pleasant and would have  
been much more so had I not been plagued with  
Civilities for one can at last (a force de Politesse  
as the French say) become boring. What gave me  
the most Pain at the moment was the impossibility  
of judging of Men and Things so rightly as I would  
have done had I been in Coy. Grand Poines generally  
I take hold of her Nest. Every one shows his  
best side and turns the other away. However  
as much as was in my Power I examined every  
one and particularly at a Ball where every  
one trying to amuse <sup>himself</sup> gave me some Moments

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Free which I employed this way. The different manner  
every one employed this time formed an interesting picture  
which did not a little please if not instruct one. I was find  
not by far so interesting as Bourdeaux one does not see  
so many people neither are they so well dressed a proof  
this town is not so opulent as the other. I long for being  
settled at Noye after having run about from place to place  
for a couple of months one wants as it were repose in order  
to be able to digest all what one has seen and heard during  
that time. My health at present is very good. You will  
most probably have heard of a slight indisposition I  
had at Castelnaudary but it was so very trifling that it  
does not deserve the name of my ill complaint. I will  
leave to argument my content. Man has always need  
to be put in mind of his duty such slight indispositions  
are the best monitors and as such I thank the Colonies  
for having given me this undeniable proof of their  
gracious goodness and mercy towards me.

The Duke of York's Departure from England was known  
to me and I had hoped to receive a Letter from him  
but I suppose the Deal of Business he must necessarily  
have had on His Hand before His Departure  
have deprived me of this Pleasure. Edward left  
Gibraltar the 21<sup>st</sup> of May for Canada. He is gone with  
His Regiment <sup>every day</sup> says it is one of the best disciplined  
and finest in our Service. I have the Pleasure  
to be Dear General

Yours much obliged and devoted

Levan. June 13<sup>th</sup> 1741 Augustus Frederick

P.S. I can not write to Samuyl before they Arrive  
at Neap which I am very sorry for but as he  
desires some Information what I have <sup>to send</sup> there.  
can not send it down