

Orléans 7th April 1785—

My Dear [Sir](#).

The [Husband](#) is ugly & jealous: the [Wife](#) beautiful & kind. He settles at Paris as Match Maker, and I assure the Love of his Wife will be a great & most agreeable acquisition to you. When I come to Paris I will endeavour to procure you an interview with her, nothing is more easy than to deceive a husband, provided the Wife is willing We can desire his presence at some hôtel, that one of our friends wants a Match our friend being in the secret, will bargain a long time and not purchase during this Marché, we are paying our respects to Madame, Wont this do? The day I took leave of her here, I kissed her she squeezed my hand dropt a Tear, and bid me adieu, au plaisir de vous revoir à Paris m'a-t elle dit [Looking forward to seeing you again, she said to me]— The husband all this time wished me at the Devil, She could not then **stop** me her address but she was so kind as to leave it at the Inn, with a request to the [Servant](#)— to give that to [Mon^s— Bowdoin](#)— When I see you we will talk more of this affair— Our friends [Fitzhughs](#) I suppose now are Nice, when I left them they intended there— I have not heard from them since— They will be in Paris this Spring— [M^r. Bolling](#) left this about 3 weeks past for London on his way to Virginia with hopes of being next year a Member of Congress— c'est un drole de corps [It is a strange body]— How does [M^r. Jefferson](#) do? how does the treaty of commerce go on? This I hope is not an imprudent Question— You have no thought of a trip to holland this Spring, ' I wish you had, I am bound there from thence shall set out for Virginia, have you any late News from that Quarter?, I have none? I shall have time to receive a nother letter from you before I leave this—

I am Sincerely yours—

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