

Answer to the [Baron de Thulemeier's](#) Letter

The Hague August 22^d 1785

Sir

The Observations which you did me the Honor to communicate Yesterday Evening shall be immediately transmitted to the [American Ministers](#) at London & Paris, their Answers to which it will be necessary for me to await. Considering myself obliged to follow the Instructions which I have had the Honor to receive from them, without the smallest Deviation, I take the Liberty of communicating also Sir, to you, what will be expected on their Part in Addition to what has been agreed on between us, in Order that you may confer thereon with your Court at present if you should find it necessary.

I am instructed Sir, "to ask that the Ratification of his Majesty the [King of Prussia](#) be made known to the American Ministers as soon as it shall have taken Place, giving an Assurance on their Part that that of Congress shall also be communicated as soon as it shall have taken Place". It is added that when both Ratifications shall be known Measures may be concerted for exchanging them.— —

I am also instructed Sir "to confer with you on the Expediency of keeping the Treaty uncommunicated to the Public until the Exchange of Ratifications, & agree accordingly."—

Both Parties being equally interested Sir in these Articles I flatter myself no Difference of Opinion can arise on them, & that the final Hand will be soon put to those Bonds of Commerce & Friendship between our Countries which must do Honor to those who have formed them.

I have the Honor to be Sir, with ~~the~~ Sentiments of the highest Regard, your Excellency's most humble & obedient Servant

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Baron de Thulemeier

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