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Portland Hotel. St Portland Me

My dear Sir:

I am happy to enclose, understanding when I had the honor to meet you at Lord Bexley's that it would be acceptable in your family, an autograph of General Washington. It is a short note addressed by him when President of the United States, to Mr Murray, a person distinguished in the home and foreign service of the U. States. It may serve to mark the veneration in which Washington was held in this country when such a person is found immediately to endorse, as will be seen, upon

The Rt Hon:

Sir Gore Ouseley, Bart.

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a note otherwise so unimportant, "Let the
hand-writing be preserved."

I venture to send with it,
hoping it may not be unacceptable, a note
from Mr Jefferson to the same gentlemen, then
about to sail as minister to the Hague; Mr
J. then being Vice President of the United States.
It may not be out of place to add, as an
historical fact, that the same pen drew the
declaration of American Independence. No doubt
need be entertained of the genuineness of
both notes; Mr Murray was a relative
of Mrs Rush, and through that channel
I obtained them.

Thanking you again for
the trouble you were so kind as to take
in the matter mentioned at the Society on
Saturday, I have the honor to remain
your very faithful
and obt. servant
Richard Rush.