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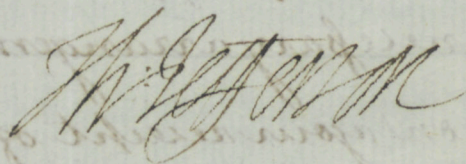
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Philadelphia March 18th 1792.

Sir,

You will receive herewith a commission appointing Mr Carmichael and yourself joint commissioners plenipotentiary for treating on the subjects therein expressed, with the Court of Madrid, to which place, it is necessary of course that you repair. The instructions and other papers accompanying the commission (and of which no duplicate is hazarded) leave nothing to be added here, but to express the desire that this object be pursued immediately. It is hoped that in consequence of my former letter, you will have made the necessary arrangements for an immediate departure on your receipt of this. You will of course apprise the Court at the Hague in the most respectful and friendly manner, that matters of high moment committed to you, oblige you to a temporary absence. You will then be pleased to proceed by such route as you think best, to Madrid, taking care
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to furnish yourself from the representative of Spain
at the Hague or Paris, with such letters or pass-
ports as may ensure your papers from being taken
out of your possession, or searched. You will judge
from existing circumstances, whether when you ap-
proach the limits of Spain, it may not be pru-
dent for you to ascertain previously that you will be
permitted to pass unsearched. When arrived at Ma-
drid, the other papers before mentioned, mark out the
line to be pursued. I am with great and sincere es-
teem, Sir, your most obedient, and most humble
servant,



William Short Esquire.

Jefferson, Dupl. March 18...
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