

My dear wife

Bedford 24 April 1797.

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We got here this morning after Breakfast, but experienced dreadful roads.

We were much fatigued yesterday, but forgot all our cares, when we came to Hartley's 8 miles from here. A fine Woman, handsomely but plainly dressed, welcomed us to her House. Good Trout, Asparagus, Olives & Apples garnished our Table, and I had as good a Bed as ever I lay in, to console me after my ride. — Mr. Washington once told me on a Charge which I made against the President, at his own Table, that the admiration he warmly professed for Mr. Hartley, was a Proof of his Homage to the worthy Part of the Sea & highly respectful to his wife. In the same light I beg you will consider my Partiality to the elegant Accomplishments of Mr. Hartley.

I wrote to you from Chambersburgh by Mr. Bowie. — I now consider you at Belmont & often speak to Mr. Smith about what I presume to be your engagements. In about a month I shall begin to turn my Face homewards & rejoice at the Anticipation. But I am fearful of pursuing the Idea long, lest my Stay abroad should be made doubly uneasy on reflection.

My love to our dear Children. I ever shall be

My dear wife

Most affectionately Yrs

J. Gates
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