



New York 25 July 1787

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Mrs Jay is obliged by your attention, and assures You of her perfect Esteem & Regard—with similar Sentiments the most cordial and sincere  
I remain

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Your faithful Friend & Servt

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Jay" followed by a long horizontal flourish.

His Excellency General Washington

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