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### MR. SAMUEL BAYARD TO MR. BOUDINOT.

LONDON, March 12th, 1795.

MY DEAR SIR:—

I wrote you some days since pretty fully by the way of New York, and gave you a brief sketch of the state of things on this side of the water. This place is to be sure the great focus of intelligence, and to give you a perfect idea of events that are unfolding to view in the various parts of Europe, it would be necessary to write you a volume by every vessel.

Notwithstanding the "traiterous correspond-

ence bill" means are constantly devised here for keeping a communication between London & Paris — at the latter place things were all very quiet when the last acc'ts came away. The convention were engaged in matters of a domestic nature — in revising their laws — establishing justice and destroying abuses. The Commission of 21 had not reported on the case of Barrere Collot-d'Herbois & Beland Varrennes, but here it is supposed they will certainly fall. A treaty it is admitted here on all hands has been actually concluded between the King of Prussia and the French. But its tenor is wholly unknown.

Holland and the rest of the U. Provinces are regenerating themselves in a very peaceable manner — their revolution was effected at a most happy moment — at the very time when justice, wisdom, and moderation resumed their authority in France. Had Dumouriez instead of Pichegru entered their territory widely different would have been the scene from that which their country now exhibits. Whether this country will consent to remain at peace with the Dutch is yet a doubt. They have embargo'd and sequestered so much Dutch property which they have refused to give upon a requisition from the States General, that I do not see how a war can be avoided. The opening campaign it is thought will be principally naval. The French talk strongly of paying both the West & East Indies a visit this summer, and with a force that cannot easily be resisted — there is little talk now

of invading G. Britain, their aim appears to be to cripple her by sea and as they say to liberate the Commerce of the world. I expect soon to hear some news on which we can depend from the interior of France. Mr. Trumbule has just gone there probably on some business of a public nature and is I believe soon expected to return.

Ireland is in a very perturbed state—Earl FitzWilliams short viceroyship has given the nation great satisfaction and raised their hopes to the highest pitch whether these hopes are yet to be blasted is at present unknown but if they should, great convulsions will probably ensue.

I send you by the Molly a couple of pamphlets that have excited universal attention here—As they relate to prophecy they are in your way.

The author of one Mr. Halhead is an M. P. and deeply vers'd in Hindoo learning. The Prophet Mr. Brothers has lately been taken up examined before the Privey Counsel confined a short time in Newgate and since dismissed. I send you also a few garden seeds which I hope may arrive in time to grace the garden of Rose Hill this season. With the best love to our dear Aunt.

I remain as ever My D. Sir,  
most affect'ly yours

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