

**Thomas Jefferson to Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch
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TO THE MARQUIS DE LA FAYETTE J. MSS.

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Dear Sir, —Revolving further in my mind the idea started yesterday evening of the King's coming forward in a *seance royale* and offering a charter containing all the good in which all parties agree I like it more and more. I have ventured to sketch such a charter merely to convey my idea, which I now inclose to you, as I do also to M. de St. Etienne. I write him a letter of apology for my meddling in a business where I know so little & you & he so much. I have thought it better to possess him immediately of the paper, because he may at the conference of to-day sound the minds of the conferees. Adieu. Your's affectionately.