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*Withdrawal of British forces
from America*

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 29, 1791.

Mr. Jefferson, Secretary of State, to Mr. Hammond, Minister Plenipotentiary of
Great Britain.

S I R,

I N recalling your attention to the 7th article of the definitive treaty of peace between the United States of America and his Britannic Majesty, wherein it was stipulated that "his Britannic Majesty should with all convenient speed, and without causing any destruction, or carrying away any negroes, or other property of the American Inhabitants, withdraw all his armies, garrisons and fleets from the said United States, and from every post, place, and harbour within the same:" I need not observe to you that this article still remains in a state of inexecution, nor recapitulate what on other occasions has past on this subject. Of all this, I presume you are fully apprized. We consider the friendly movement lately made by the court of London, in sending a minister to reside with us, as a favourable omen of its disposition to cultivate harmony and good will between the two nations, and we are perfectly persuaded that these views will be cordially seconded by yourself in the ministry which you are appointed to exercise between us. Permit me, then, sir, to ask whether you are intrusted to give us explanations of the intentions of your court as to the execution of the article above quoted?

With respect to the commerce of the two countries, we have supposed that we saw in several instances, regulations on the part of your government, which, if reciprocally adopted, would materially injure the interests of both nations.

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