Letter from Admiral De Grasse to General Rochambeau August 30, 1781

On August 30, 1781, Rear Admiral Francois Josef Paul, Comte de Grasse wrote to General Rochambeau from his battleship, the Ville de Paris, anchored in the Chesapeake Bay. Admiral De Grasse noted his "great pleasure" in arriving at the

Chesapeake Bay, and that he had departed on August 3rd from Santo Domingo. De Grasse wrote that it had it had been necessary to stop in Havana to obtain the 1.2 million livres, which was the funding in hard currency (silver and gold) that Rochambeau had requested as being necessary for the Battle of Yorktown. De Grasse also noted that his fleet included the 3,200 reinforcements that Rochambeau had also requested to join General Washington's forces at Yorktown.

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Danslabayë de Chesapeack et Bord De La Pille de Lavis Le 30 aoust 1781

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J'or appris over grand plaisir à mon enosées dans La Bayerde chesapeals L'heureuses arrivées de La fregate parlaquelle g'ai en d'hanneur de vous donner de mes nouvelles. Parts de se Dominque de 3 aouse, comme j'en esoire conveni, la necessité de prendre à La favane Les 1,200000t que vous étoiens si nuessaires, en les ealmes, ne m'ons permis d'arriver ien qu'aujourdhur. I'y ai frouvé une charmantes lettre, bien instructive de M'Les Mis de da fayette en Les derails les plus Lumineux que, m'ons donnés mos de Giman en Les Camus. En consequence, nos 3200 bommes James rown leur jonision aves Le evystes m' De La Sayettes. Un mouvemens que je fermi executer en meme, tems par contribuer a 100 Punes et pous donner der prouves elw respeitueux attachemens avec) Lequel Fai Liborneur d'etre, Monsieur, Cyptre tres bumblesesotres ebein ans Seisiteur

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