

Dear Manning

you left a threecornered piece of paper
 on my chimney when you went from paris requesting me to
 write to you if any thing new ~~was found~~ occurred to
 influence the fate of the prisoners. I am still at St. Germain
 from which peaceful little city you had an uncommonly
 pleasant walk about 10 weeks ago. Maria went to paris on
 friday to pass a few days and arrange our lodgings for our
 return ~~to paris~~ thither. I had a few lines from her about
 3 hours ago to tell me that all our friends were in great
 alarm and distress because a new order was issuing to
 send every englishman from paris without a single
 exception. they are to be sent to fortified towns & confined
 closely within the walls. Verdun, Metz, Bitche, Chalons
 are all spoken of. It is possible that my being ^{even} at a small
 distance from paris may preserve me from the inconvenience
 of being obliged to remove to so great a distance. I know not
 whether to hope or fear. at present I have heard nothing from
 your friends & favourites the gens d'armes. I know not what

to advise you to do. if Mr & Mrs de Serrant remain in the
country during the winter you had better keep quiet &
sing where you are. one Englishman taken prisoner like
ourselves has been exchanged for the captain of a french frigate.
it is Colonel Macnamara an Irishman; The Greathead, and
Peplow are gone into Germany ^{in their people} for ~~six months~~ with a permission
signed by the Council. when these permissions were granted
I instantly thought of you and should have written to
have ~~presented~~ it out as a favourable moment for
application but on the following day the Council positively
refused Ferguson & Wilbraam for whom the minister of
War Berthier particularly solicited at the earnest
request of Charles Fox. no permissions have since
been granted that I know of. Robson is gone to
England for a month. Sir James DeBath obtained the
same permission but would not make use of it.

then provisions were all obtained at the same time
very affectionately
Y^r friend
Whitcomb

Sunday December 3^d. 1803.

If you have any thing to say to us, you had better direct
to me at Penzance!

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Whitcomb

I have received
note to go
to court in the
morning

Mr. W. C. Manning
St. Louis

encl. à M. Mourier

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ST GERMAIN
EN-LAYE

Mourier Manning hotel de paris
chez M. de la Soie
~~chez M. de Terrant~~ a paris
~~à Paris~~
aupres d'Angers ou St. Georges
Sept. de Maine et Loire

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copy received Dec 3, 1863

Handwritten notes and signatures in the right margin, including a signature that appears to be 'M. de la Soie'.