Governor Square, Feb'y 1st 1790

My dear Mrs Jefferson cannot conceive how impatient we are to hear of our having had a pleasant passage & being safely arrived in America, we begin to apprehend you have accused us of negligence in not writing last month, you will see by the date of the enclosed that it is not the case, it was sent to the Secretary of State to be forwarded the first packet, he opened it not reading the direction, but found out this mistake in the last line, & returned it to the Duke with a fine letter of excuses we were in the country, so that it could not be sent till this month, by this foolish blunder we are very much afraid will hinder us from hearing from you so soon - The Duke has been married a month this day, the Duchess is extremely goodhumored & lively, we like her very much, she is hardly two & thirty & appears much younger - she used to be very fond of going out, but since her marri-riage she goes out very little, they very often sit.
Tell a tilt in an evening. As Caroline & I like going out as much as usual, we all live together at the Duke's house until June, when we expect him from his travels with great impatience. The Duke will have time to buy a house in London which he has not got yet. They were married at Knole, the country house in Kent, which was as odd as it usually done at the ladies done. Ed & Sy Harkeberg, her mother and her father in-law, and her sister were at the ceremony, and came to town immediately afterwards. I believe, you have seen a disagreeable Mr. Jenkins at Paris. He is half-brother to the Duchess, being son to Sir Ed Harkeberg. I have often seen from Botidoux who complains of enmity but seems in very good spirits as his letters are very entertaining with all his acquaintance, she has only four not counting Bredin. Poor Tom is still at Paris where he is not likely to remain some time, as no Ambassador is sent there, he cannot get leave of absence. I heard the Prince, Louis d'Orléans is dead, & that Parise Louis was...
cent. For he arrived too late & was very much affected, he did not care much for her before. By their grace is here, she left Roussel in a great fright, she is lately brought to bed of a daughter, she looks very well. The Curte from just left Florence & are gone to Rome. They are very much pleased with Italy. We hope it is very agreeable to spend an Italian winter, she has heard of. She is cousin to an Roman Pincée. Don't you remember the Countess at Paris. Lord Gray is going to be married to a Mrs. Honda, who is very hand-some & a very great fortune. I'd have wanted her to pack off to India. Hint to abroad again, he is gone to spend the winter in Spain. Little Charles has gone to sea. Duke of Dorset & Lady C. Fother have been either at Lille or Brussels all winter. They will stay some time at Lutter. The Duke is to lay in there, the Duke is come to fetch her for little girls, they are very anxious to have a son. We have seen Dackwood, she has been at a Pension at Honnington for which she is going to leave & to go to another in London. Wm. Beaven who keeps a coach & takes
girls after they are fifteen. I think she will like it very much. By Murray lives somewhere in town, we have not seen her, we do not wish it more much as she is more than at Panthomont. The Duke desires one to say, miller's choice de sa part. pray remember to Polly. Caroline desires his kind love to you, she will not let me write more to you as she wants to have the pleasure of telling you all the news she can scrape up for next month. we want to take it by home, it is the only way not to quarrel about it, if we are both equally anxious to converse with you. the only way possible at such a distance. pray believe neither that time nor distance will diminish the pleasure I feel in hearing from you and that I hope soon to remain your dear very sincerely affectionately. 

Eliq Tufdon

I fear you will not be able to read this as you have not patience to write it again if you cannot let me know + I will take more some next time.