Religiously its kindness in this as in other things, and actuated by that present love towards it, which is so natural to a man, whoever is it the native soil of his origins, and his propensities for future generations. I anticipate with the highest expectation that retreat, in which I purposed myself to realise, without alloy, the sweet enjoyment of partaking, in the midst of all, happy Citizens, the benign influence of good laws under a free government. The equal favourite object of my heart and the happy reward of our mutual cares, labours and dangers.

United States, 19th September, 1795

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