

J<sup>r</sup>. Mack 9 May  
Proy. Secy. Wash. D.C.

My dear Clementina

I wrote you by the Bedford  
ten days since, I had not yet had an  
answer, but yesterday we received by express of  
Trove a copy of a letter from the Com-  
missioner it was to say that the Treaty  
would be ratified - by the President very  
soon I expect the official answer  
thank you for we were it, our last  
weeks beef - every hour I expect large  
supplies - I get hope to sail from  
here the 1<sup>st</sup> of next month, I shall  
send the troops home by detachments  
and perhaps sail a single ship  
at least, all that you wish me