Washington Jan. 9. 1808

Dear General

The Critical state of National Affairs, will no doubt occasion some embarassment among mercantile gentlemen, let their fortunes be what they may. My Son in law, Mr. Okill, is a prudent young fellow, and I presume has adapted his measures to the Times. Yet to Let him see that I am not insensible to the State of things, nor unmindful of himself, I send him, by this Post, my Note for $ 2000. If he should want the money, I shall esteem it a favor if you will get it discounted for him. The distance I am from N. Y. prevents me from offering him Cash, but before the Note is due I expect to have the pleasure of taking you by the hand.

As to Public Affairs, I can say nothing worth notice. Mr. Rose is not yet arrived here. As to myself, I am soliciting an old Debt, and not a small one, from Congress; and there is great reason to think I shall not solicit in vain. I remain, with great regard,

My Dear General

Your Most Obt. Serv.

James Jay

Sir James Jay
June 9. 1800.