

G. W. Lafayette  
New Orleans 15<sup>th</sup> Apt.  
— 1825 —

New Orleans, April the 15<sup>th</sup>  
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My dear Captain, I must make haste  
to close our letters and send them to you  
as I have but a quarter of an hour for the  
departure of the mail.

tell my family that I love them  
still more if possible, since we are  
unhappy. —

I hope you will come back  
soon enough to go away with us.

yours for ever

G. W. Lafayette

can be carried —  
if the opossums ~~are taken away~~  
from New York, with you, but  
give them to my sister in law  
m<sup>rs</sup>. Dehaubert telling her that  
they are for m<sup>rs</sup>. Flourens —