



Philadelphia December 9<sup>th</sup> 17[8?]6

Sir,

Judge Bryan and myself have read & considered the Letter from Mr. Otto, charges [des?] affairs of France, directed to your Excellency, concerning the Sieur Fontaine de Brassine.

As de Brassine is a French subject, and was arrested as French officer by the direction of General The Count Rochambeau, and carried on board a French Frigate, from whence he was taken on shore, and then arrested in a civil action and confined in the goal of Philadelphia; if he <sup>has</sup> satisfied his—creditors, we find no legal objection to his being delivered up by council agreeably to Mr; Otto's request. The sheriff and Goal Keeper have been conversed with on this occasion, and from them we have learned, that it is the desire of the prisoner to go to France. Volenti non fit injuria.—

I have the honor to be, sir,  
Your Excellency's

most obedient humble servant

Tho M. Keane

His Excellency Benjamin Franklin.

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