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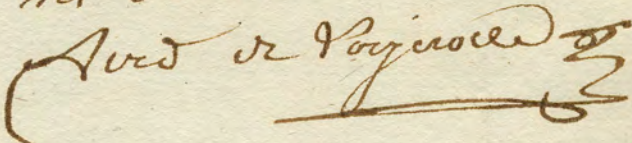
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Paris le Vendredi 17 Aout 1784

Voicy, Monsieur et cher ami, mon Aveu  
qui vous apprendra une bien triste nouvelle,  
la mort de son père. Je desirerois que  
vous eussiez la bonte le plus tot que vous  
pourriez de lui indiquer le moment ou il  
pourroit visiter l'appartement de votre  
maison ou avec votre permission à son père de  
doyez le sa effect pour en rendre compte à sa  
famille. J'ay l'honneur d'être avec le plus  
de respect et de reconnaissance  
Monsieur et cher ami

Je suis très humble et  
très obéissant serviteur  
Avec de l'attachement  


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