I see by the newspapers that you are meditating a removal to France with your family. I ought not to desire you to ~~[illegible]~~ deviate from any course which which will be ~~[illegible]~~ beneficial to yourself & Family, as at best, I can remain here, but a few years; but it is painful to think of a separation, which to me, will, [illegible] a final one, from Laura & the dear Children, whom I love with an affection which I cannot describe.

I am most affectionately
Dear Sir, yrs.

Oliv. Wolcott

Col. George Gibbs