

**George Washington to Thomas Jefferson, February 26, 1792, from Thomas Jefferson and the National Capital.  
Edited by Saul K. Padover.**

**Washington to Jefferson WASHINGTON TO JEFFERSON**

*4 O'clock, February 26, 1792.*

*Sir:*

I have perused the enclosed answer<sup>25</sup> to your letter, to Majr. L'Enfant. Both are returned. A final decision thereupon must be had.<sup>26</sup> I wish it to be taken upon the best ground, and with the best advice. Send it, I pray you, to Mr. Madison who is better acquainted with the *whole* of this matter than any other. I wish also that the Attorney General may see, and become acquainted with the circumstances (I can think of no other, at this moment to call in), and wish that all th[mutilated] of you would be with me at half after Eight o'clock tomorrow, if convenient, [if not,]<sup>27</sup> at a later hour to be named, that I may be at home and disengaged. Yours, etc.

<sup>25</sup> L'Enfant's letter of February 26. . . .

<sup>26</sup> This final decision resulted in Jefferson's letter to L'Enfant, Feb. 27, 1792. . . .

<sup>27</sup> Words in brackets supplied for mutilated space.

[Pp. 486–7, WRITINGS OF WASHINGTON, Fitzpatrick, Vol. 31.]