

George Washington to David Rittenhouse
February 16, 1783

Newburgh, 16th February 1783

Sir,

I have been honored with your letter of the 7th, and beg you to accept my sincere thanks for the favor conferred on me in the Glasses – which are very fine – but more particularly for the flattering expressions which accompanied the present.

The spectacles suit my Eyes extremely well – as I am persuaded the reading glasses also will when I get more accustomed to the use of them – at present I find some difficulty incoming at the proper Focus – but when I do obtain it, they magnify perfectly, and shew those letters very distinctly which at first appear like a mist – blended together and confused.

I send the amount of the Silver Smith's charge – and with great esteem & respect am

Sir, your most obed & Hmble sert.

G Washington

David Rittenhouse, Esq.

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