

## *Chronology, 1780–1782*

1780

- 22 Jan. Jays arrive at Cádiz
- 4 Apr. Jay arrives at Madrid
- 27 Apr. Jay learns that Congress has drawn bills of exchange on him totaling £100,000
- 11 May Conference with Floridablanca regarding treaty and loan
- 2 June Conference with Floridablanca about loan
- 5 July Conference with Floridablanca about loan and replacement for Miralles
- 4 Aug. Death of Jay's newborn daughter, Susan
- 27 Aug. Conference with Montmorin about access to Floridablanca
- 30 Aug. Conference with Montmorin, in the course of which Jay threatens to protest bills of exchange and end his mission
- 3 Sept. Conference with Gardoqui, who demands that the United States withdraw claim to navigate Mississippi River through Spanish-held territory
- 4 Sept. Conference with Gardoqui and Campo regarding terms for a treaty and financial aid
- 13 Sept. Spain offers to guarantee repayment of loans made by others to United States
- 23 Sept. Conference with Floridablanca regarding loan guarantee and clothing promised to United States
- 4 Oct. Congress instructs Jay not to relinquish navigation of Mississippi from source to mouth
- 8 Nov. Conference with Floridablanca on loan guarantee and reciprocation for Spanish assistance

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- 23 Dec. Conference with Floridablanca during which he promises a loan of \$150,000 to United States to be paid in monthly installments
- 1781
- 15 Feb. Congress authorizes concessions on navigation of Mississippi if needed to secure treaty of alliance with Spain
- 31 Mar. Montmorin persuades Floridablanca to commit to cover bills coming due and makes contingent financial arrangements to cover remaining bills drawn on Jay
- 12 Apr. Franklin applies funds from recent French loan to cover bills drawn on Jay
- 28 May Jay receives Congress's instructions authorizing him to cede navigation of Mississippi through Spanish-held territory in return for a treaty of alliance
- 15 June Congress appoints Jay to peace commission
- 13 July Jay informs Floridablanca he is authorized to cede navigation of Mississippi in return for a treaty and aid
- 8 Sept. Unproductive conference with Floridablanca about treaty
- 10 Sept. Jay asks Franklin for funds to cover additional bills
- 19 Sept. Conference with Floridablanca on treaty
- 22 Sept. Jay drafts proposed treaty with Spain
- 16 Nov. Jay applies to Floridablanca for funds to cover bills due in December
- 21 Nov. Jay applies to Franklin for funds to cover bills due in December
- 10 Dec. Floridablanca informs Jay he has appointed Campo to negotiate with him regarding treaty
- 1782
- 20 Feb. Maria, the Jays' third child, is born in Madrid
- 1 Mar. Jay is informed that Floridablanca has authorized payment of balance due on \$150,000 loan
- 16 Mar. Efforts to cover remaining bills drawn on Jay fail; Jay protests the bills
- 26 Mar. Jay receives letter from Franklin informing him that Franklin will apply funds from recent French loan to cover bills Jay protested

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- 22 Apr. Franklin asks Jay to come to Paris to join peace negotiations
- 30 Apr. Congress passes resolution approving Jay's conduct in Spain
- 21 May The Jays leave Madrid for Paris