

George Washington signed one, Martha copied and signed the other. She adds a message, "My affectionate regards for you." Washington says: "During this period many important events have occurred . . . None of which events, however, nor all of them together, have been able to eradicate from my mind the recollection of those happy moments, the happiest in my life, which I have enjoyed in your company."

Surely those sentences, coming from the contained Washington, are surcharged with meaning. The situation has a lovely fragrance. All three of these people were in their late sixties. The man

tells the love of his youth what she has always meant to him. The wife adds a postscript as one who intimates "I know all about it, my dear, and I understand." The other woman keeps the letter all her life.

But more important than the fact that Sally Fairfax gave George Washington the happiest moments of his life is the quality of the ideals which she instilled in him. When he came to her, he had no opinions; when they parted, the republican principle was part of his mental fibre. When, after the Revolution, a group of his officers suggested to Washington that he declare a monarchy and seize the throne, he rejected

the idea with horror. It is very likely that if he had chosen to become a king the American people, still living in the uncertainties of hope and belief, would have approved. Instead he went on in his quiet, sober, powerful way moulding America's scheme of government.

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