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
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