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From Yorktown's ruins, ranked and still,  
Two lines stretch far o'er vale and hill:  
Who curbs his steed at head of one?  
Hark! the low murmur: WASHINGTON!  
Who bends his keen approving glance  
Where down the gorgeous line of France  
Shine knightly star and plume of snow?  
Thou too art victor, ROCHAMBEAU!

—Whittier.



GENERAL COUNT DE ROCHAMBEAU.

After the painting by Trumbull in the picture of "The Surrender of Yorktown." This portrait was posed for in 1787, in Paris, at the home of Jefferson, then Minister of the United States to France.

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"Without good faith, in politics as in morals, there is  
no sure foundation, and he who ignores it is a blunderer."  
—COUNT DE VERGENNES.

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Ambassadeur de France  
à Washington  
D.C.  
1916

TO  
MONSIEUR J. J. JUSSERAND  
AMBASSADOR OF FRANCE TO THE UNITED STATES  
AS A TRIBUTE  
OF RESPECT AND GRATITUDE  
AND SOUVENIR  
OF DAYS PASSED IN WASHINGTON  
IN 1916

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