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Thomas Jefferson as Mathematician.

Thomas Jefferson wrote in 1812: "When I was young, mathematics was the passion of my life." In fact he carried his passion for mathematics throughout his political career. Jefferson made a practical contribution to cryptography with his wheel cipher, formulated a method of congressional apportionment, championed a new decimal currency, and strongly and effectively advocated for mathematics education at two fledgling institutions of higher education, West Point and the University of Virginia. We consider these and many other aspects of Jefferson's involvement in mathematics. (Received September 25, 2012)