

Andrew Jackson to Rachel Donelson Jackson, April 23, 1824, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO MRS. JACKSON.

Washington, April 23, 1824.

My Dear wife, Today I had the pleasure of receiving your kind and affectionate letter of the 8th Instant; and I am much grieved to be compelled to say to you, that even now; I cannot say to you the day, that it will be in my power to leave here. Tomorrow, a Joint committee of both houses meets to fix a day for our adjournment; but I fear from a late occurrence, that it will not be possible for Congress to rise for some time yet; however, be this as it may, so soon as we pass upon the Tariff bill I will leave here for home the most expeditious rout that at that time presents itself. Charges exhibited by Governor Edwards lately appointed Minister to Mexico, against Mr Crawford has been referred to a Committee of the house of Representatives; who have sent for Mr Edwards to appear before them.¹ should Congress await his arival it cannot rise before the middle of June next. If this should result in the impeachment of Mr Crawford I do not mean to sit upon his trial. Therefore will leave here as soon as the bill before named is disposed of.

1 On Governor Ninian Edwards and the "A. B. Plot" see Benton, *Thirty Years' View*, I. 34–36.

How my heart bleeds when I read the pain that our seperation has cost you. I hope in god when we meet we will never be seperated again untill death parts us. I pray you my Love to keep up your spirits; I will be with you as soon as I possibly can. your anxiety to see me,

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cannot surpass mine to be with you. May Jehovah Take you in his holy keeping untill we are again united is the prayer of your affectionate Husband.

P. S. present me kindly to the Andrews and all friends