

**Robert Desha to Andrew Jackson, December 5, 1828,
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ROBERT DESHA TO JACKSON.

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Washington, December 5, 1828.

. . . . Your friends here have asked me frequently what time you will come on to the City, and at the same time state that you ought to be here by the middle of Feby at furthest. You cant be officially notified of your election soon enough to be here in time; and I think you ought to start immediately, and make a stop at some one point in Kentucky, Ohio and Pennsylvania, to gratify your friends in those states, for they have certainly fought every inch of the ground for you and have not only had to contend against the aristocracy, of the country but against the patronage of the Govr. as well, as the U. States Banks, which last power has been wielded by the influence of Clay to prostrate you. Mr. Adams and Clay have mistook the people, for they are not as corrupt and cant be purchased as easily as they have supposed. Your friends have had some talk upon the subject of changing the law upon the subject of counting the votes, and making it sooner, but there will be some objections to that course, and I apprehend some of Mr. Adams friends might oppose it, and by that means get the house into a lengthy discussion Upon the whole I think it best to start from home early, and stop within striking distance of the Capitol, say Harrisburgh Pennsylvania, or Pittsburgh, and there await for the Committe that will be appointed, and sent after you.