

Robert Young Hayne to Andrew Jackson, December 18, 1828, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

ROBERT Y. HAYNE TO JACKSON.

Washington, December 18, 1828.

My Dear Sir. I trust that my delay to congratulate you, on your late great, and glorious victory, has not been imputed to any indifference on my part, in relation to that event. I hope that my feelings towards you, are too well known, to make it necessary for me to say, that no man in America can rejoice more sincerely in your happy triumph; a triumph of principle over intrigue, of truth over falsehood; in one word, of *the people* over corruption. But being sensible, that the calls on your time and attention must now have become *oppressive*, I had determined to refrain from offering my congratulations 'till I should have the pleasure of meeting you in Washington. It has occurred to Mrs. Hayne however, that her services might possibly be of use to Mrs. Jackson, before her arrival here. I enclose a note on that subject. Should Mrs. J. or yourself have any commands, it will give us pleasure to attend to them—if not, I beg that you will not put yourselves to the trouble to answer our letters. I have lately heard from my Brother, who is in *high spirits*, at having had the gratification of giving his vote as *an Elector*, to his old friend and commander.

Believe me to be, with the highest respect and esteem very truly yours,