

**Richard Mentor Johnson to Andrew Jackson, February 13, 1831, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson.
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RICHARD M. JOHNSON TO JACKSON.

House Of Representatives, February 13, 1831.

Dear Sir, In answer to your enquiry of this morning I state that I had several conversations with Mr Calhoun, while I was preparing a counter report for the minority of the military committee relative to your conduct in the seminole war. Mr Calhoun always spoke of you with respect and kindness, and approved of my course and he never expressed to me any disapprobation of your conduct on that occasion. The substance of this communication I made to Mr Calhoun at his request previous to the publication of his corres[pon]dence with you on that subject¹

¹ Calhoun's correspondence with Jackson was first published Feb. 17, 1831. It was in a pamphlet of 52 pages, but was widely reprinted. For "several months" before this the papers had discussed the attitude of Monroe's Cabinet toward Jackson's Seminole campaign. *Niles' Register*, XXXIX. 441.

With sentiments of respect