

**Andrew Jackson to Charles Jones Love, March 7, 1831,
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TO COLONEL CHARLES J. LOVE.

Washington, March 7, 1831.

. . . . The Tutor engaged from New England has not yet arrived, nor have I heard from the Gentlemen who were to make the engagement for me. Should I be disappointed in the one expected, I shall endeavour to engage one if I can, qualified and fit, and send him on to you. I find it more difficult in getting one of proper qualifications whose moral character can be vouched for, than I expected. Many has presented themselves, but it has been those in pursuit of office, whose terms are extravagant, or whose morals, and Capacity, have not been well vouched for.

major Donelson leaves me tomorrow for his family, to whom I must refer you for the news of this place. The papers will have furnished you with the somerset of Genl. Green, and the conspicuous and prominent display of Mr Calhoun. They are as compleatly prostrate as any two Gentlemen ever were. They have cut their own throats, and destroyed themselves in a shorter space of time than any two men I ever knew, and both have to stop short, veer about and take some other tack, what is, not yet known. I am as yet a silent looker on in Venice. "When a fit occasion occurs and leisure will permit, I will give to the world a historical account of treachery and duplicity which never has been surpassed." In mr monroe and mr Calhoun I had the most unlimited confidence. The attempt was made under that confidence, as appears now from their own letters published, to alter my letters and betray me into some expressions under the auspices of friendship, that might have been used by them to establish the charge of tra[ns]cending my orders. Truth being

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always my guide, I escaped the net for me, without suspecting it. They have without my consent published part of my private letters and Mr Monroes to me. when the proper time arrives, I will give all to the world.

I have a wish to sell part of my stock of blood horses if I can. I wish you would inquire for a purchaser for them. I will instruct my son on this subject. I would sell on a credit, if a company would buy the whole. I will sell singly, or put them up at public sale. Write me the prospects. Present me affectionately to Mrs Love and your family and believe me your friend