

**Andrew Jackson to John Henry Eaton, April 8, 1831,
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TO SECRETARY EATON.1

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Washington, April 8, 1831.

your letter of yesterday was recd. and I have carefully considered it. When you conversed with me the other day on the subject of your withdrawing from the Cabinet I expressed to you a sincere desire that you would well consider of it; but however reluctant I am to be deprived of your services, I cannot consent to retain you contrary to your wishes, and your inclination to remain; particularly as I well know that in 1829, when I invited you to become a member of my cabinet, you objected, and expressed a great desire to be excused, and only gave up your objections at my pressing solicitations. An acquaintance with you of twenty years standing assured me, that in your honesty, prudence, capacity, and judgment, I could safely confide. I have not been disappointed. With the performance of your duties, since you have been with me, I am fully satisfied; and go where you will; or be your destiny, what it may, my best wishes will always attend you.

I will avail myself of the earliest opportunity to obtain some qualified friend to succeed you; and until then, I must solicit that the acceptance of your resignation may be deferred.

I am very sincerely and respectfully yr friend