

Andrew Jackson to Amos Kendall, July 23, 1832, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO AMOS KENDALL.1

1 Cincinnati *Commercial*, Feb. 4, 1879. This letter was written on the eve of a visit to Tennessee.

Washington, July 23, 1832.

My Dear Sir: I am off this morning; the *veto works well*. I wish you to look at the Harbor Bill, and compare it with my veto message on the Maysville Road Bill, and my message to Congress in 1830. I have left in the hands of Major Donelson, Genl Gratiot's² report on the items in the bill, from which you will find that many are local and useless; few that are National. I am determined in my message if I live to make one to Congress, to put an end to this waste of public money, and to appropriations for internal improvements, until a system be adopted by Congress, and an amendment of the Constitution; in short to stop this corrupt, log-rolling system of legislation. . . .

2 Brevet Brig.-Gen. Charles Gratiot, chief engineer U. S. A.