

Andrew Jackson, Jr. to Andrew Jackson, January 25, 1834, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

ANDREW JACKSON, JR., TO JACKSON.

Hermitage, January 25, 1834.

My Dear Father, I have received three kind letters from you since last I wrote you, yours was of date 26 ult. and of the 3d and 5th of this month, and still I have not replied to them until now, for which please forgive as I will not assign any reasons. We are extremely sorry to learn that your health is not so good, but pray that it may improve and that you may bear up under your severe trials this winter, and that you may return to us in the Spring in renewed health, or at least in the Summer. It seems that these is rather boisterous times in congress—but fear not, that poor devil Clay and McDuffie have not only cut their own throats, but that of their friends (in the same cause) but I well know you will stand erect and confound your enemies there—the sovereign people are with you tooth and toe nail.

I regret to learn that Mr. Hibb of Cumberland Md has written you on the subject of the sale of the negro girl Rachel. I made a bargain with him in this way—at the time I was lying sick, and not knowing how many accidents and difficulties and what expense I might have to encounter before reaching home, I reserved my funds and just paid him half of the \$400, the ballance when convenient, or after the sale of our cotton crop—and after I had gotten home some time he Mr. Hibb wrote me stating that he was compelled to have some funds and stated that he had written you, beging my pardon for so doing. So it stands. My D'r Father, my expences were quite large before getting home. the delays and changes together with myself, wife, and 5 negroes—it lowered my funds very much, and after geting home I had to pay off a few little debts and perceived I would have to make

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a settlement in all probability with Holtzclaw. I did make a small part of the settlement out of my funds brought on, thinking that Mr. Hibb would wait and not needing the ballance \$200. until after the sale of our cotton—and I told him at the same time, if he needed the money, to write me and I would either send it to him if I had it, or would write you upon the subject and get you to do it, if it was convenient for you to do so. I will now crave your pardon for being nearly out of funds, and if convenient get you to send the ballance on to him, and so soon as I can collect a few little debts will return it, if you wish it. His name is Mr. George Hibb of Cumberland, Md. While I think of it, will you please forward to me Judge Overtons note to you for \$500—you will find it in your check book, or it is put down there. I can collect it if I had it.

Our home affairs are going very well—all the cotton out, and have sent off some time since 63 Bales to Mr. White of Orleans. the cotton is not all gind yet, but we are at it. there will be in all I certainly think, one hundred Bales. I will use all exertions to have the rest ready for markett as soon as I can. the corn is not all quite gatherd yet, but we are at it. I think we will have enough of that—also sufficient food for the stock of every description. they are all in very good order, likewise the mares and colts. On the subject of the purchase of Baldwins place from Mr. Hill, that I have made in the following manner—in one and two years payments, price \$10.000. I could get it for no less, or lose it—and father Mr. Hill is to give me an answer in a day or two, whether he will, or will not, extend the payments to three years, I think I can get him to do it, and too without any interest, and as it is we have no interest to pay. What think you of it. I think the place worth it, at that rate. Write me soon about it. I will write you again certainly in a day or two. Sarah has just written you. Sarah, our dear Rachel are well at present, the latter is occasionally unwell from cutting her teeth and has with it a little cough, but she seems better of it. She is growing finely, and has learnt a great many new words, and is continually calling for Grandpapa. I wish to god you could see her, and how I pray for the time to come, to have you constantly with us. all well here, likewise relations and friends. Thomas and Emma, Mr. Wetherill and lady present

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their kindest regards to you. Sarah and Rachel desire a kiss. remember us to Andw. and Emily and Col. Earl. May god bless you preserve and protect you,

your affectionate son,