

Washington, D.C., Commissioners from Thomas Jefferson, January 24, 1791, from Thomas Jefferson and the National Capital. Edited by Saul K. Padover.

Jefferson to Johnson and Stuart

Philadelphia January 24, 1791.

TO THOMAS JOHNSON & DAVID STUART ESQRS.

Dear Sir

The President of the united States desirous of availing himself of your assistance in preparing the federal seat on the Potomac, has appointed you one of the three Commissioners directed by the law for that purpose, a joint Commission is made out and deposited in the hands of the honorable D. Carroll, who is named second therein. I have the honor to enclose you a copy of the Proclamation meant to constitute your first direction. The President will from time to time communicate such further directions as circumstances shall call for. I have the honor to be with great esteem, Dear Sir &c.

Th. Jefferson.

[Ms., p. 199, *American Letters*, Vol. IV, 1788–92, State Department Archives in the National Archives; p. 144, U. S. v. SMITH.]