
**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson, June 1, 1801, from
Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe Correspondence,
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Jas. Monroe's best respects to Mr. Jefferson. As the person for whose benefit the enclosed was intended has left this for Washington it is thought best to return it. It is presumed that every thing appertaining to that object will be settled at Washington with that purpose; but should the contrary be the case, and it be proper to execute any thing here, J.M. will with pleasure attend to it when notified thereof.

Richmond 1 June 1801.

Yrs. of the 29 is just recd. It is to be regretted that Capt. Lewis paid the money after the intimation of the payer of his views &c. It will be well to get all letters however unimportant they are from him. Meriwether Lewis is or will be by the time this reaches you at Washington. He has that ascendancy over the wretch to make him do what is right, & he will be happy to do it for you. Confer with him without reserve as a

man of honor. Mr. Giles will also be up in a day or two. Yr. resolution to terminate all communication with him is wise, yet it will be well to prevent even a serpent doing one an injury.

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