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**Thomas Jefferson to James Monroe, May 29, 1807, from  
Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe Correspondence,  
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**Thomas Jefferson to James Monroe**

Washington May 29. 07

Dear Sir

I have not written to you by Mr. Purviance because he can give you viva voce all the details of our affairs here with a minuteness beyond the bounds of a letter, and because indeed I am not certain this letter will find you in England. The sole object in writing it is to add another little commission to the one I had formerly troubled you with. It is to procure for me a machine for ascertaining the resistance of ploughs or carriages invented & sold by Winlaw in Margaret street Cavendish square. It will cost I believe 4 or 5 guineas, which shall be replaced here instanter on your arrival.

I had intended to have written to you to counter act the wicked efforts which the federal papers are making to sow tares between you & me, as if I were leading a hand to measures unfriendly to any views which our country might entertain respecting you. But I have not done it, because I have before assured you that a sense of duty, as well as of delicacy would prevent me from ever expressing a sentiment on the subject; and that I think you know me well enough to be assured I shall conscientiously observe the line of conduct I profess. I shall receive you on your return with the warm affection I have ever

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entertained for you, and be gratified if I can in any way avail the public of your services.

God bless you & yoursTh. Jefferson

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