

## Andrew Jackson to Thomas Patrick Moore, June 16, 1827, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### TO THOMAS P. MOORE.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Thomas P. Moore was member of Congress from Kentucky 1823–1829. He was an earnest supporter of Jackson.

Hermitage, June 16, 1827.

*D'r Sir*, I have this moment recd your letter of the 13th instant and hasten to reply— *you have Judged correctly* . I cannot, nor will not, do any act inconsistent with my principles openly avowed, and always practiced upon. Was I to go to your State at present, it would be Just what my political enemies would rejoice at—it would afford the friends of clay and adams, a fair opening to defend their course, in the interference with State elections with which they have been charged, and instead of benefitting the cause of the people injure, and defeat the great principle for which they are contending. I would sacrifice much to serve my friends but I cannot depart from principle. The people have taken the management of their affairs in their own hands and it is safe to leave it there. Mrs Js physician has advised her to visit the Springs at Harrodsburgh for her health, and we were preparing for this Journey when an act of providence interposed which will postpone, if not entirely prevent it, this season. By a stroke of light[n]ing Mrs J. is left without carriage and I without riding horses—but more on this subject when I hear from you again.

I shall be happy to hear from you and believe me respectfully your mo. obt. servt.