

**Andrew Jackson to John Randolph, October 26, 1831,  
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**TO JOHN RANDOLPH.1**

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Washington, October 26, 1831.

*My dear Sir,* Your very friendly and highly esteemed letter of the 24th Instant, in answer to mine of the 21st, was this morning received. I sincerely regret to learn the continuance of your bad health, and hope that your intended journey to Florida, with change of air, etc. will prove so beneficial to you as to restore it perfectly. Immediately on the receipt of your letter, I sent for the Secretary of State, and read it to him. Our conclusion was, to obviate the necessity of your coming here, that it would be best to send you the accounts made out for your signature, which you will receive, under cover from the Secretary of state, by the same mail that carries this to you. This course will, I hope, meet your views of propriety, as, on the return of the papers with your signature, a check (for the ballance due you) will be forwarded to you payable at the Bank in Richmond or any other point which you may wish and will designate. It would have afforded me sincere pleasure to have seen, and conversed with you on the subject of our Foreign relations, and domestic policy. I must, however, for the present submit and forego this pleasure as your health is of great importance to your Country at the present crisis, and should not be endangered by any journey that may not be regarded beneficial to it. I offer up my prayers for the speedy and perfect restoration of your health, which I confidently hope will be so benefited, by your travelling and spending the winter in the mild climate of Florida, that you will be able, on

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your return, to afford me the pleasure of seeing you, etc. May I not solicit the pleasure of occasionally hearing from you as to the state of your health, etc. etc.?

With sentiments of the highest regard, I am, dear Sir, your sincere friend,