

**Andrew Jackson to Andrew Jackson, Jr., June 5, 1834,
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TO ANDREW JACKSON, JR.

Washington, June 5, 1834.

My son, Your letter of the 25th ult. is just received, and I sincerely regret the indisposition of our D'r Sarah, am grateful to an allwise providence, for his restoration of her health, and the continuation of our sons, and little Rachels with your own, and all the servants. I am pleased to hear that the son grows finely, and enjoys uninterrupted health, as well as Rachel.

Whilst I regret the Frost and the bad prospect of our cotton, still as it originates from the act of god, we ought not to murmur or complain. You have only to see that what cotton is left, if worth cultivating, is well attended to, kept clean, and fostered by good culture. this is all humanity can do, for apolla may plant etc. but it is god who giveth the increase. I have but one other observation to make upon this head, that is this, if there should not survive as much of the cotton as will make it worth attention then plant the ground in rare ripe corn, which will enable us to add to our Horned cattle as much beef as the corn thus raised will feed and fatten for markt in the Spring.

I sincerely regret the death of your uncle Sandy Donelson. I had a hope he would have lived until I reached Tennessee this summer, when I would, once more, have shook him by the hand in peace, and given him my good wishes for happiness in this, and in the world hereafter but I trust he has joined his dear Sisters in the realms above who has Stood ready to hail him welcome to the arms of our dear redeemer—peace to his manes.

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My last letter informed you of the acceptance of and payment of your [draft] for \$1400. Your draft for \$600 has not yet been presented but when it is, I will meet it. I hope you have Settled up all demands against the farm and House, and that my dear Sarah has had the repairs to the House (*painting*) done.

As it respects the Sale of the land to Mr. Sanders, which you bought of Hill, let that rest until I come out, and examine into my matters at home. If we can pay for it, altho a dear purchase, still it may be best for you to keep it for a settlement for one of your sons or daughters. You will have to introduce a proper oeconomy hereafter and keep clear of debt.

I wish you to have the two years old colts broke before I come out so that I can judge of their merit, and see whether any thing profitable can be done with them. Dunwody and Byron could with the aid of another small hand have this done.

I am obliged to close. Kiss Sarah and the sweet babes for me.

Y'rs affectionately