

Edward Livingston to Andrew Jackson, February 16, 1836, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

EDWARD LIVINGSTON TO JACKSON.

Confidential

Philadelphia, February 16, 1836.

My Dear General, On my arrival here I found the enclosed letter from Baron Rotchild some parts of which altho marked as Confidential to me I am sure are not intended to be withheld from you. You Observe that this letter speaks of my return as expected. From the writers intimate intercourse with the King and Ministers as well as with others of influence in public affairs, I know that he would not have hazarded this Opinion without good Authority. Other letters received with this speak the same language, and I confess they have raised in my mind the Desire of injoying on the spot, the triumph of your firm and energetic measures. You will of course notice the purport of Rotchilds conversation with De Broglie, which will well account for the delay in making the payment immediately, it is a little sacrifice to the pride of the ministers.

I imagine that the English as mediators will advise the appointment of ministers simultaneously; this will get rid of the only remaining difficulty after the money is paid and the explanation of Serruriers note given. Again I congratulate you my Dear General, never was a more complete triumph of honest policy enforced by energetic measures than the present. If I should return to Europe, it will be to witness how much the reputation of my Country is increased, by the firm manner in which this business has been concluded. . . .

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Most respectfully and affectionately

[P.S.] Be so Obliging as to return R.s letter when you have made the use of it you Desire.
of Course no part of it must be made public.