

## Andrew Jackson to Amos Kendall, October 10, 1839, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

class=MsoNormal>TO POSTMASTER GENERAL KENDALL. 1

1 Cincinnati Commercial , Feb. 5, 1879.

Hermitage, October 10, 1839.

My dear Sir: I have received and read with great attention and interest your letter from Dunstable, Mass. of August 31st 1839.

I have read it again and again. How noble the spectacle to witness, the death of a real Christian! How gratifying it must have been to you and all your father's relatives, under the melancholy circumstances, to witness his calm resignation on the bed of Death. He lived to be prepared for death, and in his life learned how to die. What a noble example for us all. 2

2 Deacon Zebedee Kendall of Dunstable, Mass., father of Amos Kendall, died Aug. 12, 1839.

I have lately received a very friendly letter from chief justice Taney, in which he makes reference to Mr. Duane's last Book, one of which was 0057 33 furnished to Mr. Taney, as was a copy to me. 3 Mr. Duane circulated this Book prior to our elections here, and the falsehoods therein contained were secretly and confidentially used to injure me and my administration. Mr. Duane perhaps supposed that I would raise him from his prostrate position by an answer to his Book. He is mistaken—he has given ample evidence in his Book of his own infamy by stating that when a Cabinet Minister

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he was taking private notes for publication, thereby violating every principle of Honor or confidence. But However base he has shown himself, the faithful historian ought to be furnished with proof of the falsehood of his statements from his memorandams. They are as false as Mr. Adams on his Spanish treaty, and will be proven so to be. Therefore I have thought it proper, that the statement of Mr. Taney and Major Donelson, as he has referred to them, should be had and placed in your hands. The Chief Justice has promised to furnish me with his, and Major Donelson will also, when if you think with me, as Duane has wrote a Book, that the falsehoods as respects myself should be placed in the history of my life as an antidote to his slanders. If it should meet with your views please advise, and I will have these Gentlemen's statements placed in your hands. . . . .

3 William J. Duane, Narrative and Correspondence concerning the Removal of the Deposites and Occurrences connected therewith (Philadelphia, 1838).