

**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson, October 14, 1793, from Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe Correspondence, Transcribed and Edited by Gerard W. Gawalt, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress**

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Dear Sir

The fatigue of my late journey & some concerns wh. require immediate attention will deprive me of the pleasure of being at Monticello till after the arrival of Mr. Madison which will be on Wednesday. Unless the funeral of his brother shod. detain him longer sh. However is not expected.

I send you the Fredb paper containing the proceeding there, wh. terminated in a recommendation to the counties to take the subject up. It commenced in an invitation by Jas. Mercer, Mann Page & others the most respectable inhabitants in that part of the State, to the inhabitants of the district to convene for the purpose of discussing some topics of general concern. Edwd. Stevens who as at that time in town with some associates of the same party took the recommendation up, & (he being in the chair) addressed the inhabitants of Culpeper agnst the meeting- similar efforts were made elsewhere wh. together with the short notice given, & the real difficulty in assembling people from parts so distant, prevented a numerous meeting. The majority therefore was with the town & its dependants. This will acct. for the issue. Those of character, such as Page &c withdrew their names from the committee, & Mercer

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was retained by his seat in the chair only. The weight of the republican character awed the sects, torries, & their assistants into silence or I believe a most loyal proceeding woud. have been exhibited to the publick. The resolves I have no copy of but they will be published in the paper. I am affecy. Yr. friend & serv. Jas. Monroe

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