

**Thomas Jefferson to James Monroe, December 11,  
1802, from Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe  
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Washington Dec. 11, 1802.

S.T. Mason arrived here yesterday. I had immediately a conversation with him on the resignation he had meditated. He finally promised to serve again if included, and that he vows write to you to say so for him. Lest he should delay it, I drop you this line, but you must not name me as the channel because of the ground it furnishes our enemies for clamour. Accept assurances of my constant & affectionate esteem.

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