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**TO JAMES MONROE**

Washington, Mar. 18, 1806.

The 1st of Mr. Nicholson's resolutions was decided yesterday affirmatively by 87 repubs against 9 repubs & 26 feds. Had all been present it would have been 104 do against 11 do,—and 27 do, the latter number comprehending every Federalist in the House. Mr. R. withdrew before the question was put. This is considered as a decision of the main question. When they come to details the votes will vary ad libitum. I have never seen a H. of Representatives more solidly united in doing what they believed to be the best for the public interest. There can be no better proof than the fact that so eminent a leader should at once & almost unanimously be abandoned. Health & affection.

P. S. On further inquiry I find that all Nicholson's resolutions were passed yesterday, were reported & confirmed by the House, & referred to a Commee to bring in a bill. It will be during the progress of the bill that the details will be discussed. Do not wonder if a third person be added to your commission.