

**Thomas Jefferson to James Madison, September 6, 1808, from The Works of Thomas Jefferson in Twelve Volumes. Federal Edition. Collected and Edited by Paul Leicester Ford.**

**TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE J. MSS. (JAMES MADISON.)**

Monticello, Sept. 6, 08.

Dear Sir, —I return you Pinckney's letter, the complexion of which I like. If they repeal their orders, we must repeal our embargo. If they make satisfaction for the Chesapeake, we must revoke our proclamation, and generalize its operation by a law. If they keep up impressments, we must adhere to non-intercourse, manufactures & a navigation act. I enclose for your perusal a letter of Mr. Short's. I inform him that any one of the persons he names would be approved, the government never recognizing a difference between the two parties of republicans in Pennsylvania. \* \* \*

I do not think the anonymous rhapsody is Cheatham's. Tho' mere declamation, it is of too high an order for him. I think it quite in Gouv. Morris's dictatorial manner. It's matter is miserable sophistry.

I salute you with constant affection.