
**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson, September 13,
1808, from Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe
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James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson

Albemarle Sepr. 13. 1808.

Dear Sir

I arrived here on Saturday evening from Kentuckey & shall proceed to Richmond as soon as I recover from the fatigue of the late journey.

The object of this is to request your sanction to the publication of our late correspondence on certain important publick topicks. It is interesting & will I doubt not be satisfactory to the publick and to many friends to be made acquainted with that correspondance, & with the part I have acted in the high concerns involved in it. It is therefore earnestly my desire to lay it before them. And as your letters do signal honor to your head & your heart I trust that you will have no objection to the measure.

Should your assent be given to the proposed publication, it shall be made without a comment. It may be proper, simply to state by way of introduction that the publication is made by

consent of the President at the request of Mr. Monroe.

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I am dear Sir with great respect & esteem, your friend & servant Jas. Monroe

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