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**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson, September 6,  
1821, from Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe  
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**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson**

Oak Hill Sepr. 6 1821

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> ulto found me at the Shannon dale spring, to which I had carried my family on account of the indisposition of Mrs. Monroe & of our little gd. Child the daughter of Mr. Gouverneur. The duties which I had to perform in this distressing occurrence, which terminated the day before yesterday in the death of the infant, superadded to those of the office I hold, prevented my giving an earlier answer to your letter. I undertake with great pleasure the trust you have committed to me, as well from my earnest desire to relieve you from every burden to which I may be in any degree equal, as to evince my profound respect for the character of general Kosiusko, to whose memory the Senate of Cracow propose to erect a statue, as a testimonial of their sense of his exalted merit. Of the prospect of success it is impossible for me to speak, with any confidence at this time. It was natural for the Senate of Cracoe, & for the Polish nation to look to the UStates for support in such an undertaking from the known devotion of our fellow citizens to the cause of liberty, & his important services to that cause in our country. But the great demand which has been & is still made on them in various ways, in support of institutions & measures on which these highest interests depend, has been so sensibly felt, that a

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like attempt in honor of the memory of General Washington has recently failed in this state. Nor has a statue yet been erected to his memory by the nation. I will move in the affair with all the caution which you suggest, taking no step in it, without having previously communicated with the members of the administration, availing myself of their council & aid informally. Abortion attempts should be avoided, although slight discouragements should not be yielded to. As soon as I have had communication with the members of the administration I will apprise you of their sentiments on the subject.

We return'd here yesterday from the Spring, & it is my intention to visit Albemarle as soon as some arrangements to be made here, of a private & others at Washington of a public nature, will permit, when I shall be happy to see you in good health, should your allotment for the summer not have taken you to Bedford.

With great respect & sincere regard, I am your friend & servant James Monroe

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