
**Thomas Jefferson to James Monroe, March 29,
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Dear Sir

In answering a letter from Mr. Short I indulged my self in some off-hand speculns on the present lowering state of Europe, random enough be sure, yet on revising them I thot I would hazard a copy to you on the bare possibility that out of them as we sometimes do from dreams, you might pick up some hint worth improving by your own reflection. At any rate the whole reverie will lose to you only the few minutes required for it's perusal, and therefore I hazard it with the assurance of my constant affection & respectTh. J

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