
**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson, December 11,
1824, from Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe
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James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson

Washington Decr. 11th. 1824

Dear Sir

I sent you the other day a copy of my message as first printed & with errors in it. I now send one which is I presume correct. I forward also a copy of the document for the suppression of the slave trade.

In the settlement of the accounts of both my missions to Europe, that commencing in 1794 under General Washington, and that of 1803 under you, I have thought that injustice was done me. A more serious injury has been attempted in the two last sessions of Congress in an apparently organized form, it being in that of a Committee in each Session. The period of my retirement approaching I intend to invite the attention of Congress to both subjects, that I may place both, in the light in which they ought to stand, and to protect myself in the latter from malignant aspersions after my departure. It would be gratifying to me to be permitted by you, to shew to the committee to whom the subject will probably be referred, the first paragraph of your letter of the 13th of Jany. 1803 announcing my appointment, or such parts of it as you may think proper. No copy would be given, and the

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sole object, in addition to the evidence it affords of your good opinion would be, to shew the haste with which I hurried from home, and from the country, having

my private concerns, in consequence unsettled. I need not add, that of you & Mr. Madison, in the settlement of the account, for the latter mission, I have no complaint, as well be distinctly stated.

At this time I am much pressed, or should say something on the subject of internal improvement, explanatory of the principles on which I have acted, tho I can add but little to what is stated in a former message to Congress on the subject. Should I say any thing hereafter, it will be explanatory only & to which I shall wish no answer. I hope that your health is perfectly restored. With great respect & sincere regard I am dear sir your, James Monroe

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