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## To Thomas Claxton

SIR

Washington Mar. 2. 06.

Mr. James Ronaldson of Philadelphia has sent me a number of samples of Philadelphia manufactures in wool, cotton & thread. among these I observe a cotton blanket No. 30. 99 I. by 90 I. at 9. dollars the pair. I must ask the favor of you to send to him for 4. pair of them for the President's house, & to make him the proper remittance. I have not his address, but suppose he may have something to do at the Alms house, as he sent me specimens of their manufacture. the blankets should be packed in a box to keep them clean, & might come within the stage. Accept my best wishes

TH: JEFFERSON

PoC (MHi); at foot of text: "Mr. Claxton"; endorsed by TJ.

4. PAIR may be the eight stored cotton blankets listed in the 1809 inventory of the President's House (MS in DLC: TJ Papers, 186:33059-66).

SENT ME A NUMBER OF SAMPLES: James Ronaldson to TJ, 22 Feb. The

## To Giuseppe Franzoni

SIR

Washington Mar. 2. 06.

I did not understand, until told so by the servant at the door, that the two articles of marble which you had left here, had been intended as presents to me. be assured that I recieve this mark of your good will as thankfully as if I could accept of it. but I have laid it down as a law to myself to accept no presents of value while I am in public office. an adherence to this rule is necessary for the tranquility of my own mind, & it is necessary for the public good. these motives cannot fail to meet your approbation & to justify my request that you recieve the objects back again, and with them the same thanks for the offer, as if I had retained them. be assured that I shall avail myself of every occasion of being useful to you, and accept my salutations.

TH: JEFFERSON

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PoC (DLC); at foot of text: "Mr Franzoni."

Giuseppe Antonio Franzoni (1779-1815), an Italian-born figural sculptor, was recruited by Philip Mazzei and Benjamin Latrobe along with his brother-in-law, Giovanni Andrei, to immigrate to the United States to help adorn the U.S. Capitol. Franzoni agreed to an initial two-year contract with compensation of \$85 per month plus housing and authorization to hire apprentices. He designed and completed an eagle frieze for the Hall of Representatives, a model of a statue of Liberty, and had plans for 17 other classically inspired female statues. He worked briefly in Baltimore on St. Mary's Chapel. Franzoni died in Washington, leaving behind

six children and a widow, Camilla Franzoni, to whom TJ had presented a silver bowl in 1808. Much of the sculptor's legacy in the Capitol was burned during the War of 1812 (Richard R. Borneman, "Franzoni and Andrei: Italian Sculptors in Baltimore, 1808," *WMQ*, 3d ser., 10 [1953], 108-11; Regina Soria, "Early Italian Sculptors in the United States," *Italian Americana*, 2 [1976], 182-5; Charles E. Fairman, *Works of Art in the United States Capitol Building* [Washington, D.C., 1913], 25-6; Charles E. Fairman, *Art and Artists of the Capitol of the United States of America* [Washington, D.C., 1927], 5-12, 29, 72; *National Intelligencer*, 11 Apr. 1815; Latrobe, *Correspondence*, 3:26; RS, 5:206; MB, 2:1240; Latrobe to TJ, 1 Sep. 1807).

## To John Minor

DEAR SIR

Washington Mar. 2. 06.

I thank you for your letter of Feb. 5. which I have transmitted as an answer to an ill-judged application on the part of one who has formerly deserved well. I have delayed sending you a copy of the Manual until I could get printed a couple of supplementary leaves which are inserted in the copy I now inclose you. the annihilation of federal opposition has given opportunity to our friends to divide in various parts. a want of concert here threatens division at the fountain head. nor is it on principle, but on measures that the division shews itself. but I fear it will produce separations which will be as prejudicial as they are painful. Accept my friendly salutations & assurances of sincere esteem & respect.

TH: JEFFERSON

RC (Thomas S. Lingenfelter, Lahaska, Pennsylvania, 1996). PoC (DLC); at foot of text: "Colo. Minor"; endorsed by TJ. Enclosure: TJ's *Manual of Parliamentary Practice* (Washington, D.C., 1801).

TRANSMITTED: TJ to Thomas Paine, 21 Feb.

For the SUPPLEMENTARY LEAVES to TJ's parliamentary manual, see Statement of Account with Samuel Harrison Smith, printed at 28 Feb.

## To William Rogers and William Staughton

GENTLEMEN

Washington Mar. 2. 06.

I have recieved the favor of your letter of Feb. 24. & read with thankfulness it's obliging expressions respecting myself. I regret that the object of a letter from persons whom I so much esteem, & patronised by so many other respectable names, should be beyond the law which a mature consideration of circumstances has prescribed for my conduct. I deem it the duty of every man to devote a certain proportion of his income for charitable purposes, & that it is his further duty to see it so applied as to do the most good of which it is capable. this I believe to be best ensured by keeping within the circle of his own enquiry & information the objects of distress to whose relief his contributions shall be applied. if this rule be reasonable in private life, it becomes so necessary in my situation, that to relinquish it would leave me without rule or compass. the applications of this kind from different parts of our own, & from foreign countries, are far beyond any resources within my command. the mission of Serampore, in the East Indies, the object of the present application, is but one of many items. however disposed the mind may feel to unlimited good, our means having limits, we are necessarily circumscribed by them. they are too narrow to relieve even the distresses under our own eye; & to desert these for others which we neither see nor know, is to omit doing a certain good for one which is uncertain. I know indeed there have been splendid associations for effecting benevolent purposes in remote regions of the earth. but no experience of their effect has proved that more good would not have been done by the same means employed nearer home. in explaining however my own motives of action, I must not be understood as impeaching those of others. their views are those of an expanded liberality. mine may be too much restrained by the law of usefulness. but it is a law to me, & with minds like yours, will be felt as a justification. with this apology I pray you to accept my salutations & assurances of high esteem and respect.

TH: JEFFERSON

PoC (DLC); at foot of text: "Doctors Rogers & Slaughter."

## To Samuel Tucker

SIR

Washington Mar. 2. 06.

As far as I can judge from your letter of Jan. 20. which I recieved only two days ago, your claim of 3. years & 10. months pay & subsistence is in the condition of many other just claims, barred by the act

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of limitation. this being the act of the legislature, no other power can relieve against it. numberless applications have been made to get the door opened again, and attempts are making to specify particular descriptions of claims to which that indulgence may be granted. whether these will succeed, & whether they would include yours, I am not able to say. it might not be amiss for you to ask the attention of some one of your delegates in Congress to your claim, from whom you might get information on the subject. I should have been happy to give you a more agreeable answer, but truth is the law by which we must govern ourselves. accept my salutations & respects. TH: JEFFERSON

RC (DNA: RG 46, Petitions and Memorials, 16th Cong., 2d sess.); addressed: "Mr. Samuel Tucker Bristol, Maine"; franked and postmarked. PoC (DLC); endorsed by TJ.

APPLICATIONS: on 18 Dec. 1820, John Holmes of Maine introduced a petition

on behalf of Tucker to the Senate, and the next year a private act for Tucker's relief passed Congress (*Journal of the Senate of the United States of America, Being the Second Session of the Sixteenth Congress* [Washington, D.C., 1802], 66; U.S. Statutes at Large, 6:258).

## From Pierre Auguste Adet

MONSIEUR LE PRÉSIDENT

Nevers 3 Mars 1806.

J'ose esperer que Vous recevrez avec bonté l'exemplaire que j'ai l'honneur de vous adresser d'un traité elementaire de chimie que j'ai redigé par ordre du gouvernement. je desire bien sincerement que cet ouvrage puisse obtenir votre suffrage, et surtout que l'hommage que je me plais à vous en faire soit à vos yeux une preuve de l'attachement, et du Respect que je vous ai voué et que conserveront toujours pour vous ceux qui ont eu le bonheur de vous connoitre. j'auerois désiré, Monsieur Le président, m'acquitter plustout d'un devoir qui m'étoit imposé à La fois et par mes sentiments, et par les Egards qui vous sont dus, et comme chef d'une des nations les plus recommandables de la terre, et comme l'un des savants les plus éclairés et Les plus illustres du siècle. mais Les devoirs de ma place, mon éloignement de la Capitale de l'empire, en me laissant d'un coté peu de moments, de l'autre en m'otant l'opportunité des occasions, m'ont privé jusqu'a ce moment du plaisir de vous exprimer mes sentiments. quoiqu'il en soit, Monsieur le président, veuillez bien être persuadé que les Vertus, les hautes qualités qui Vous distinguent ont fait une trop vive impression sur moi, pour que je ne leur rendisse pas dans le silence l'hommage qui leur est dus. toujours attentif à cequi pouvoit interesser le pays qui a le bonheur d'être gouverné par vous, j'ai constamment suivi

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la marche de Votre administration à la fois ferme sage et paternelle. j'ai vu qu'elle grande influence elle doit avoir sur la marche rapide de la civilisation vers le terme ou elle peut être portée, et sur la prospérité d'une nation qui necessairement doit briller d'un vif eclat sur la terre. je n'ai pu surtout vous voir sans attendrissement reparer envers les malheureux indigènes de l'amérique les torts de nos ancêtres, au lieu de leur donner comme eux nos passions et nos vices, leur faire partager les bienfaits de la civilisation, et les enrichir des tributs que les arts Les sciences, et l'industrie nous payent pour prix de nos recherches et de nos efforts. je n'ai rien laissé echapper des circonstances qui rappelleront toujours aux américains le temps ou vous les aurez gouvernés, et je n'ai pu que les benir d'avoir sçu choisir pour leur chef celui qui etoit le plus digne de l'être. puissiez vous, Monsieur Le président, occuper Longtemps encore Le fauteuil de la présidence, et loin du tumulte des armes et de la guerre qui agitera peutêtre longtemps encore la vieille Europe malgré les efforts, les vües pacifiques, et les triomphes de notre empereur, asseoir sur une base inébranlable La félicite de cette portion du genre humain qui doit vous honorer comme son pere.

tels sont les Vœux que je forme pour vous, Monsieur Le Président, je Vous prie de croire à leur sincérité et d'agrèer avec bonté l'expression de l'attachement et de La veneration profonde avec Laquelle j'ai l'honneur d'être

Monsieur Le Prèsident Votre très humble Et très obeissant Serviteur  
P. A. ADET

E D I T O R S ' T R A N S L A T I O N

MISTER PRESIDENT,

Nevers, 3 Mch. 1806

I dare to hope that you will accept with kindness the copy of an elementary treatise on chemistry that I have the honor of sending you, which the government commissioned me to write. I sincerely hope that it will meet with your approval. Above all I hope you will see the homage I am pleased to offer as a sign of the respect and devotion I have for you and that will be perpetuated in those who have the good fortune of knowing you. I would have wished, Mister President, to fulfill sooner an obligation imposed on me both by my personal sentiments and by the esteem you deserve as the leader of one of the most worthy nations on earth and one of the most enlightened and eminent thinkers of this century. But the responsibilities of my position and my distance from the capital of the empire, leaving me little time and few opportunities, have prevented me from having this pleasure until now. In any case, Mister President, please know that the virtues and exceptional qualities that distinguish you have impressed me so deeply that I pay the deserved homage to them, even in silence. Given my ongoing interest in all aspects of the country fortunate enough to be governed by you, I have never ceased observing

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your firm, wise, and paternal governance. I have watched how much it can influence civilization in the rapid progress toward its goals; how much it can influence the prosperity of a nation that is destined to shine brilliantly on earth. Most of all, I have felt compassion watching you remedy the sins of our ancestors toward the unfortunate native populations of America. Instead of giving them our passions and vices, as our ancestors did, you have shared with them the benefits of civilization and enriched them with the rewards that art, science, and industry have bestowed upon our study and labor. I have not failed to notice the conduct that will forever remind Americans of your tenure in office, and I can only bless them for having known to choose as their leader the one who was most worthy of that role.

May you long occupy that presidential seat, and, far from the tumult of arms and war that threaten to disrupt old Europe for a long time (despite our emperor's efforts, victories, and peaceable desires), may you lay a lasting foundation, Mister President, for the happiness of that portion of the human race which must honor you as its father.

Those are my wishes for you, Mister President. I ask you to believe in their sincerity and to accept with kindness the expression of the attachment and deep veneration with which I have the honor of being your very humble and obedient servant.

P. A. ADET

RC (DLC); endorsed by TJ as received 7 June and so recorded in SJJL. Enclosure: Adet, *Leçons élémentaires de chimie, à l'usage des lycées* (Paris, 1804).

## From Isaac Briggs

MY DEAR FRIEND,

Washington M.T. 3 of the 3 Mo 1806.

About 12 days ago, I returned from an excursion up the Mississippi river.

The object of this expedition was to ascertain, by celestial observation, the point where the Parallel of 33 degrees of north latitude intersects the western shore of the river; and also the longitude of that Point—to cause to be traced, marked and measured, as far, at Present, as the Ouachitta river the Boundary between the Territory of Orleans and of Louisiana—to make a survey of both shores of the Mississippi from the mouth of Arcansaw river down to the mouth of Chafalaya, of the Chafalaya and bayou Têche to the sea, and perhaps of the Mississippi to the Balize—and to exercise, under my immediate inspection, some young men, in making celestial observations, in order to qualify them for future expeditions of this kind.

I employed George Davis to execute this survey—his Party consisted of two assistant surveyors and two other men.

Having arrived near the 33rd degree of latitude, I sent George Davis one assistant surveyor and eight men to ascend the Mississippi

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to the mouth of Arcansaw—to ascertain the latitude and longitude of that point—and to return with a survey of the Mississippi. I, with one surveyor as my assistant and two men, remained to ascertain the boundary. The latitude of the mouth of Arcansaw, very nicely taken is  $33^{\circ} 47' 19.5''$ —and I have scarcely a doubt that the boundary between the two Territories is fixed within *five perches* (which is less than 1") of the exact latitude  $33^{\circ}$ .

As the ground on the western side is inundated to considerable distance from the present bank of the river, I erected on its Eastern side, on the first ground above the inundation, as a monument in the latitude of the line, a conical mound of earth, on a basis of 12 feet diameter, and planted in its centre a thrifty young sycamore tree.

As soon as I can have the necessary calculations completed I intend to report circumstantially to thee a *Trigonometrical* survey of about four hundred miles of the Mississippi river, checked at short intervals by celestial observation, and more accurate than could be made by tracing every foot of both shores with the *compass and chain*. We measured with the most scrupulous exactness, every sand beach (some of them four miles in length, and few of them more than ten miles asunder) as bases of verification.

A chart made from this kind of survey from the mouth of Ohio down, will afford incalculable facility and safety to the navigation of the Mississippi by enabling boats to run during the night, for it would exhibit to them the exact shape of both shores, every shoal, and every pass between the islands. But such a survey cannot be made with sufficient accuracy to be useful, as it must be properly checked by celestial observation and verified by frequent measured bases, for less than eight dollars per mile, which is four dollars per mile for each shore. I have made this survey so far at my own risk in hopes that Congress will sanction it by an appropriation.

The measurement of the boundary to the Ouachitta will connect William Dunbar's observations for longitude on that river with mine on the Mississippi.

Suppose the following survey authorized, would it not be useful?—To commence at the mouth of Mobile bay to ascend the bay and river and the Tombigbee river to the head of boat navigation—to pass over to the Tennessee river, examining with a *philosophic eye* the ground between,—and thence down the Tennessee, Ohio, and Mississippi rivers to the mouth of Arcansaw.

Will the members of the House of Representatives recollect the compensation they intended last session for the investigation of the

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Post-route to New Orleans? Through my friend William Dunbar, I last summer sent to London about seven hundred dollars for astronomical instruments, in the expectation of receiving that compensation. These instruments have been ordered to Baltimore—can they be exempted from duty?

Accept assurances of my grateful and affectionate esteem.

ISAAC BRIGGS.

RC (DLC); at foot of text: “Thomas Jefferson President U.S.”; endorsed by TJ as received 2 Apr. and so recorded in SJL. FC (MdHi).

For TJ’s most recent efforts to secure COMPENSATION from Congress for Briggs’s

post road survey, see David Thomas to TJ, 26 Feb. For Briggs’s order for ASTRONOMICAL INSTRUMENTS, see William Dunbar to TJ, 17 Dec. 1805. Gallatin had already rejected Dunbar’s request that such items BE EXEMPTED FROM DUTY (Gallatin to TJ, 12 Feb.).

## From William C. C. Claiborne

DEAR SIR

New Orleans March 3. 1806.

Permit me the honor of introducing to your acquaintance, Mr. Joshua Lewis—one of the Land Commissioners for the district of Orleans.

It is reported, that, since the arrival of Morales at the Town of Mobile, the navigation of the Mobile river, by American Vessels, has been objected to:—The report, however, wants confirmation.

It is also rumoured, that the Spaniards at Nacogdoches, having taken great offence at the removal, beyond the Sabine, of the Detachment which was lately stationed near Nachetoches, threaten to re-occupy the same ground; but I am not yet advised of the particulars.

If it should be determined advisable to take possession of Baton Rouge, and Mobile, there will not, in my opinion, be any difficulty in the undertaking.—I could, in about 50 hours, after receiving orders, be at Baton Rouge, with 200 men; or if necessary, a greater number;—A Force from this City might move in Carriages, and with such celerity, as to be the first to announce their arrival.—From Baton Rouge—a force might, without delay, march to Mobile; where, if resistance was made, it would require, perhaps, some *Cannon* to reduce the Fort, *which* could be carried either from Baton Rouge, or Fort Stoddart.

A great majority of the People of the Baton Rouge settlement, are well affected to the United States, and anxious for a change of Government.

Mr. Lewis (who speaks French, and is a good Lawyer)—in his character as land Commissioner, has given general satisfaction, and acquired

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the public confidence;—he is well acquainted with the state of things in this quarter, and will be enabled to satisfy your enquiries.

I am, Dear Sir, with great respect, your faithful friend

WILLIAM C. C. CLAIBORNE

RC (DLC); in a clerk's hand, signed by Claiborne; at foot of text: "The President of the United States"; endorsed by TJ as received 30 Mch. and so recorded in SJL.

Early in February, 60 U.S. soldiers under Captain Edward D. Turner marched from Natchitoches to the old Spanish pre-

sidio of Los Adaes, which a DETACHMENT of Spanish troops was occupying. Faced with the much larger American force, the ensign in charge of the detachment agreed to abandon the post and remove to the other side of the Sabine (ASP, *Foreign Relations*, 2:798-9).

## From Thomas Gillespie

DR SIR/

Washington County March 3d. 1806

I am under the Necessity of Dropping a Line to your Excellency for information on a subject to me of Singular Importance.—I had a brother who Left this Country in December 1803—& went to New Orleans from thence I am inform'd, went on Board of a Merchant ship bound for Liverpool in England—there was Impress'd by the British on Board of a Man of war & put in Irons & by his Letter to Us after his Arrivel in america some time Last spring stated that he threw himself Over Board & made to an American Vessel than in the same Harbour—When he wrote to his father Last spring, he Expected to be home in two months, at about the Expiration of the two months he wrote to his father from Pittsburgh in Allegany County that he was than going on to Post[vincent] with a Comrade Whom he Call'd Ewing—& both Employ'd by some departmant of the United States to teach the Indians to farm but did not Inform us of his farthest plan of destinantion so that we are unable to hear any more of him—

My Most Anxious Wish is that your Excellency wou'd Acquaint Me by a line as Speadily as Convinient in What department he has been Employ'd if Employ'd at all his salary & his place of Destination—as we have recd no account from him since he left Pittsburgh we begin to think he may be dead—Your Particular attention to these few lines shall be thankfully aknoledg'd by a firm republican as his Knoledge directs & with Esteem

I have the honour to Subscribe myself your Freind & Humble  
Servant

THOMAS GILLESPIE

NB. when you write direct to West Middle Town Pennsylvania.—

T. G.

RC (PHi: Daniel Parker Papers); addressed: "His Excellency Thomas Jefferson Esquire President of the United States"; franked and postmarked; endorsed by TJ as received 20 Mch. and so recorded in SJL with notation "W."

Thomas Gillespie (1776-1856) was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania. He later moved to Greene County, Ohio, where he supported the Madison, Monroe, and Jackson presidential campaigns. After he represented his Ohio district as a Jackson elector in 1824 and 1828, Andrew Jackson appointed him as register of the land office for Tiffin, Ohio, in 1830 (*Crawford County Forum*, 16 May 1856; Harold D. Moser and others, eds., *The Papers of Andrew Jackson*, 12 vols. [Knoxville, 1980- ], 7:18).

In March 1805, Dearborn engaged William EWING as an agriculture missionary to the Sacs and Foxes for \$400 a year. Ewing arrived near the Des Moines rapids in the summer of 1805, at the location that would become Nauvoo, Illinois. He carried a letter from Dearborn to William Henry Harrison describing Ewing's mission and instructing Harrison to supply him with agricultural implements. At

that point, Ewing's only known companion was his interpreter, Louis Honoré, and there was no mention of Gillespie's brother. After TJ passed Gillespie's letter on to the War Department, Dearborn responded that when he hired Ewing in 1805, "Whether any person accompanied him is not Known." He recommended that Gillespie contact Harrison in Vincennes. Ewing's mission did not last long. In October 1805, James Wilkinson complained to Dearborn about the expenses incurred to satisfy Ewing's demands for supplies, and in December Wilkinson declared that Ewing was unqualified for his position. In 1806, Dearborn contracted Nicholas Boilvin as an assistant Indian agent for that area, where he was to oversee Ewing, but Dearborn dismissed Ewing in August 1807 (Donald Jackson, "William Ewing, Agricultural Agent to the Indians," *Agricultural History*, 31 [Apr. 1957], 3-7; *Terr. Papers*, 13:236, 489; 14:125n, 126; Douglas E. Clanin and Ruth Dorrel, eds., *The Papers of William Henry Harrison*, 10 microfilm reels [Indianapolis, 1994-99], 2:127, 176; Dearborn to Gillespie, 22 Mch. 1806, RC in DNA: RG 107, MLS).

## From Robert Patterson

SIR,

Philada. March 3d. 1806—

I beg leave to introduce to your notice Mr. Hassler, a Gentleman lately from Switzerland. He is a man of science & education; and, as will appear from the inclosed paper, written by himself at my request, was a character of considerable importance in his own country. It is his wish to obtain some employment from the United States, which would require the practice of surveying or astronomy. He would willingly engage in an exploring expedition, such as those you have already set on foot; for which, I have no doubt, he would be found well qualified.

In his education he paid particular attention to the study of astronomy, and statistical surveying; & from the enclosed paper you will see, that he is well versed in the practice. He is a man of a sound, hardy constitution, about 35 years of age, & of the most amiable conciliating

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manners. Besides his knowledge of the Latin languages, he speaks the German, French, Italian & English.

To his acquaintance with Mathematics in general which, as far as I am capable of judging from a short though not slight acquaintance, is very extensive, he adds a good knowledge of chemistry, mineralogy, and all the other branches of natural philosophy. In short, Sir, I believe his services may be rendered useful to this his adopted country— He possesses a very valuable library, and a set of surveying & astronomical instruments, scarce inferior to any I ever saw

I shall only add, that the cause for which he struggled in his native country, and the reasons of his seeking an asilum here, will not, Sir, I am sure, detract from his merit in your estimation.

I have the honour to be, with sentiments of the greatest esteem,—  
Your most obedient servt. RT. PATTERSON

P.S. I forgot to mention, that Mr. Hassler is at present settled with his family (a wife & three children with a few domestics) on a small farm near the banks of the Schuylkill, and that he purposes very shortly to pay a visit to the seat of government.—

RC (DLC); endorsed by TJ as received 10 Mch. but recorded in SJL under 11 Mch.

E N C L O S U R E

Statement of Ferdinand Rudolph Hassler

After my first education in public and private schools at Arau, my native town, I went in my 16th Year 1786 as a Voluntary in an office of the government of Berne, appointed for all Kind of surveyings and the care of the archives of the state, in which businesses I worked; following at the same time the lessons of the College, then newly established under the name of political institute, and the private instructions of Mr. Tralles Professor of Mathematics, (now member of the Academy of Berlin) aplying chiefly to practical geometry & Astronomy. As a practical exercise of these instructions Mr. Tralles & I undertook in 1791. (on my expenses) the trigonometrical mesurements for a map of the country, and mesured a base of  $7\frac{3}{4}$  Miles length and some triangles, with proper means and instruments, till the season interrupted the further prosecution.

The Government of Berne, seeing the various advantages of this Work, undertook to follow it, and appointed proper funds for the instruments; which were comitted to Mr Ramsden in London.

In 1792. I went to the university of Göttinguen, (staying a short time in my passage at the Observatory of Mr: de Zach at Seeberg) where I continued my studies in Mathematics and natural Philosophy, under Kastner and Lichtenberg; (with whom I was particularly acquainted), Obliged nevertheless by

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the wishes of my father, to give some time to the study of Diplomats under Gatterer.

In 1796. I went to Paris applying half a Year chiefly to Mineralogy & Chymistry under Hauy, Vauquelin, Fourcroy &c. (being already acquainted by a former Voyage there with LaLande & Borda.)

In 1797. a large Theodolite of Ramsden being arrived at Berne Mr: Tralles & I endeavoured to prosecute now for the Government the Geographical Operations begun in 1791. but were soon stoped again by the Revolution of Switserland early in 1798. which event changed at the same time my position by annullating a post of my father the succession of which was secured to me since my 16th Year.

Though the ministry of Finances of the helvetic Republic, desireous of an accurate mape of the country gave me on a new the comission to follow the Work and I worked at it a short time in 2 Seasons the perpetual changes & finally extinction of the unitary Government put an end to this Work for which I could neither get my advances nor my Labour. On my leaving the Country I left the unfinished Work to one of my friends to be sold for a trifle to the new Government.

Though I took no trouble to get any public office I was early in 1798. elected to the Court of appeal of the Canton of Argovia for the direction of Criminal affairs, (accusateur public) from which place I was called in 1799. by the Central Government to the same functions at the Supreme Court of the helvetic Republic after the extinction of which in 1803. I went at home where I was elected by the representatives of the Canton a member supleant of the Court of Appeals, and by my fellow-Citizens a member of the Counsel of the town, in which I was trusted with the chief Direction of public buildings and Archives.

But foreseeing the constant oscillations in the state of the Country involving always my position according to past experiences (intrigues and ambition, which are wanted in such circumstances, being out of my Character) I took with some of my friends the resolution to come over to America in search of more solidity in a peaceable Country.

Though I shall be one of the Directors of a Society of my countrymens intending to come over in this Country my presence being not always nor absolutely wanted, I could and wished to be employed in some business, where practical Geometry & Astronomy would be the requisites, by preference.

Philadelphia 27th. Febr: 1806

F: R: HASSLER

MS (DLC).

## From Asher Robbins

SIR,

New York 3d March 1806

With respect, to the application for the appointment of Mr Wm. Riggs, as consul for the US. at Terceira—for the Azore Islands, which I had the honor to present; I omitted to request, that, in case the President should see fit to make the appointment, his commission

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might be transmitted to the care of Messirs. Wm and S Robinson merchants of this City, who are the Agents and correspondents of Mr. Riggs, & who are particularly engaged, to attend, to this charge

I have the honor to be with profound respect & attachment your obedt. Servt  
ASHER ROBBINS

RC (DNA: RG 59, LAR); at head of text: "Thos Jefferson Presidt. of the U States"; endorsed by TJ as received 5 Mch. and "Riggs Wm. to be Consul Terceira" and so recorded in SJL.

I HAD THE HONOR TO PRESENT: Robbins to TJ, 13 Feb.

## Senate Resolution

In Senate of the United States. March 3d. 1806.

Resolved, that the President of the United States be requested, to cause to be laid before the Senate, all documents and papers in possession of the Executive, relative to the interference of the American minister at Paris, in the case of the Ship New-Jersey, and to the principles laid down by the minister, on that occasion, comprehending the correspondence, if any has taken place; between the Executive and the minister, or such of the said documents and papers, as in the opinion of the President, may with propriety be communicated.

Attest,

SAM: A. OTIS Secretary.

MS (DLC); in Samuel A. Otis's hand; endorsed by TJ: "on Armstrong's nomination."

tion on the nomination of John Armstrong and James Bowdoin as commissioners to negotiate with the Spanish government. The Senate ordered the secretary to lay the resolution before the president (JEP, 2:26; TJ to the Senate, 28 Feb.).

RESOLVED: the Senate adopted this resolution on a motion after postponing ac-

## From William C. C. Claiborne

DEAR SIR

New Orleans March 4th. 1806

I am honored with the receipt of your Letter of the 16. of January; and its enclosure has been delivered to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

I have also received from the department of State, Commissions for four members of the Council; the fifth member is not yet notified to me—but I trust his Commission will arrive previous to the meeting of the Legislature, which will be on the 24th<sup>1</sup> day of the present Month, March.—Of the Gentleman recommended as Councillors, I only feel

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solicitous that Mr. Evan Jones may not be appointed; for, whatever may be said to the contrary, there is nothing more certain, in my mind, than that Gentleman does not merit the confidence of the Government.

I shall not be inattentive to the interest of General La Fayette; Mr. Duplantier is, at present, near Baton Rouge, but is expected in this City in a few days, when I shall urge him to make, for the General, the location you recommend.—Perhaps Juan Suarer may be induced to abandon his claim upon the propositions being made which you suggest;—but in any event, a survey of 1000 acres, shall be made.

The Order for the Spanish Officers to depart this Territory, has given great umbrage to them; The Marquis of Casa Calvo has been pleased to consider the measure as one arising from my official communications; and has discovered, on the occasion, some personal resentment; he is, however, at present, under the dominion of his passions—and on cool reflection, I am persuaded, he himself, cannot but approve the policy of sending away, Men whose residence among us, tended to divide our Society, and to embarrass the local Government.

I wrote you the other day, by Mr. Joshua Lewis who passed by water from hence to Baltimore;—I then mentioned a report which prevailed relative to the increased embarrassments which, under the orders of Morales, our Commerce was subjected to, at the town of Mobile.—I have, however, heard nothing further on the subject, and am inclined to think the report unfounded.

Every thing is now tranquil in this City, and promises to continue so.

I am Dr Sir, With great Respect Your faithful friend

WILLIAM C. C. CLAIBORNE

RC (DLC); in a clerk's hand, with closing, signature, and one alteration by Claiborne; at foot of text in Claiborne's hand: "The President of the U. States"; endorsed by TJ as received 8 Apr. and so recorded in SJJL.

SPEAKER: Jean Noël Destréhan (Orleans Territory House of Representatives to TJ, 14 Nov. 1805). For the members of the legislative COUNCIL, see TJ to Claiborne, 10 Feb.

In letters of 10 Jan. to the Marqués de Casa Calvo and of 11 Jan. to Juan Ventura Morales, Claiborne executed the administration's ORDER that officers still in

the employ of the Spanish government depart Orleans Territory. Because Casa Calvo was then away from New Orleans, he did not receive the communication, so Claiborne wrote to him again on 6 Feb. In a subsequent response to Casa Calvo, Claiborne insisted that the order was long delayed by the administration's forbearance and should not be considered "either an act of Violence or an insult to the King your master" (*Terr. Papers*, 9:563-6; Rowland, *Claiborne Letter Books*, 3:259-60, 263-4).

<sup>1</sup>Date interlined by Claiborne in place of "last."

## Henry Dearborn's Plan for Militia Land Bounties

[on or before 4 Mch. 1806]

Survey 20 Townships of six miles square each, lay out one half of each Township into 100. acre lots, say 115 lots, in each Township—and in 20 Townships 2300 lots, of which, probably 2000 would be fit for settling.—give one lot to each able bodied white man of not more than thirty years of age, who shall within a reasonable time actually become a settler and shall continue to reside on said lot for        years, death excepted. each of such settlers to be transported from Pittsburg or other places on the western waters to some place on red river, at the public expence, with necessary provisions for the passage, and to be furnished with a musquet & cartridge box each,—any person duly authorised, who shall ingage & forward 50 such settlers to be intituled to 200 acres of land on his becoming an actual settler as above, so in proportion for a any greater number. settlers of each Township to be organized into Militia Corps, and as a concideration for what they receive, to meet 8 days in each year for seven years, for the purpose of Military exercise, and to be at all times ready like other Militia to take the field in cases of emergency.—each Township to have a small magazine, of powder, balls, flints & camp kittles furnished by the U.S.

A simimilar settlement might be made on the borders of West Florida, and on the eastern side of the Mississippi between the rivers Illinois & Ouisconsin.—

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three such settlements would require about 700,000 acres of land, and would probably so inhance the value of the adjoining lands as to remunerate the U.S. for what lands they should so give away.—and would form about 6000 effective Militia, eaqual to at least 3000 regular troops in all cases of emergency.

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the transportation of these men, including provisions would probably amount to from ten to 15 dollars each—say at 12 dollars each would amount to \$72000, for 6000 men.

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one Regiment of regular Troops would cost annually very little short of \$200,000,—

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the expences of 2000 settlers, in the District of Orlians exclusive of the land would cost the public probably not more than \$30,000—

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RC (DLC); undated, in Dearborn's hand; endorsed by TJ as received 4 Mch. 1806 and so recorded in SJL with notation "force for Orleans."

ORGANIZED INTO MILITIA CORPS: see TJ's note to Madison, Gallatin, and Dearborn of 28 Feb.

## To Jay Marsh

SIR

Washington Mar. 4. 06.

Your letter of the 1st. instant informing me of your discovery of a method of converting iron into steel, is recieved. however desirable & useful improvements in the arts are to every nation, yet ours, by their constitution, has allowed no particular encouragement to be given but a patent securing for 14. years the exclusive benefit of his invention to the inventor.

To this I must add that, convinced that all manufactures carried on on private account are so much more economically conducted than by the public, that whatsoever can be found at market can be cheaper bought there than manufactured by the public, we undertake no manufactures of any thing which can be got at market. small arms are the only exception to this rule. consequently there can be no opportunity of employing you for the public in the enterprize you suppose of converting iron into steel. accept my salutations & wishes for the success of your discovery in some other way.

TH: JEFFERSON

RC (ViW: Tucker-Coleman Collection); addressed: "Mr. Jay Marsh Philadelphia"; franked and postmarked, with notation by TJ: "to remain in the post office till called

for"; additional notation in an unidentified hand: "dead Letter returnd. to Genl. P. office." PoC (DLC).

## From Charles Willson Peale

DEAR SIR

Museum March 4th. 1806.

Mr. Philip DePeyster writes me that John Lyle Esqr. is dead; that two Vessels, one in 24 days and the other in 28, have arrived at New York, with that News and that Captn. Jones of the Schooner Franklin was at his funeral. It is therefore that Mr. DePeyster requests me to write again to you, he says that he has wrote to the Secretary of State, Doctr Mitchel and Mr. Rumford.

I am not acquainted with the duties of the Office of Consul, but suppose a person bred to merchantile affairs and with some knowledge of the laws of Nations, having also a knowledge of mankind, may without much difficulty fulfill the office. and I hope Mr. DePeyster

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will do justice to the appointment of him, I would be very sorry to recommend him if I did not think so—my other letter mentioned his family connections in the Island Curaco, and his knowledge of some languages, & leaves me now nothing further to add. I only request you will excuse me for the trouble I give you in making this application, as my friendship for Mr. DePeyster compels my endeavors to serve him.

I have made tryal of one of the Polygraphs for Tripoli, it pleases me much, all but the Packing casses will be finished this week, and while those are in hand I will be making tryal of each of them. so much pains have been taken to execute every part in the best manner by my workman that I beleive you will be pleased if you make tryal of them, which I hope you will do. I cannot say that Mr DeBois has acquitted himself in every part of the silver work so well as I could wish, this will be seen by judges of good work only. They appear Ellagant in the Eyes of common observers—every part is strong and good, as I have not spared expence or pains to make them so. I shall put them in double packing casses, the first in Walnut duftailed, to open half down the Box, for making it easy to take the Polygraph out, this lined with a substantial lining, and with Locks and hinges according to your order, outside of this a rough packing Case.

With the highest respect your friend.

C W PEALE

RC (DLC); at foot of text: “His Excellency Thomas Jefferson Esqr.”; endorsed by TJ as received 6 Mch. and so recorded in SJL. PoC (Lb in PPAmP: Peale-Sellers Papers).

For JOHN LYLE, see TJ to Peale, 24 Jan.

REQUESTS ME TO WRITE AGAIN: Philip DePeyster to Peale, 3 Mch. (Peale, *Papers*, v. 2, pt. 2:942-3). DePeyster wrote to Madison on 15 Jan. (see Peale to TJ, 21 Jan.) and again on 3 Mch. requesting the consular appointment at Curaçao (RC in DNA: RG 59, LAR; addressed in Madison’s hand: “The President of the United States”; endorsed by TJ: “De-

Peyster Philip to be Consul Curaçoa”). Samuel L. Mitchill also wrote to Madison on 6 Mch. recommending DePeyster “to the consideration of the President” and calling him “worthy of the appointment” (RC in same; endorsed by TJ: “Depeyster Philip. to be Consul Curaçoa”). TJ nominated DePeyster to the post on 17 Mch. and the Senate confirmed the appointment four days later (JEP, 2:30).

RUMFORD: Peale misnamed Gurdon S. Mumford (Peale, *Papers*, v. 2, pt. 2:944n).

MY OTHER LETTER: Peale to TJ, 21 Jan.

For Abraham Dubois (DEBOIS), see Peale to TJ, 12 Jan.

## From John Preston

HONOURABLE SIR

Dundee 4th March 1806

I take the liberty, to adress you on a subject which after making all possible inquiry, have not been able to obtain any information.

Trusting, that, as you have it in your power, you will give yourself the trouble to satisfy anxious Freinds, and a disconsolate Mother, respecting James Gickie a young Lad, who went from this place October 1801—A John White of Albemarle Countie who went from this country upwards of 50 years ago he had aquired a considerable property & having no children of his own was disirous that his nearest male relation<sup>1</sup> should be sent to him, & inherate his property. Mr White having no Correspondents here applied to a Mr James Brown in Ritchmond who appled to Chas. Bell Merchant, Leith, James Gickie when he was called upon went from this to Leith—Bell immediately equiped & put him on board the Brig Betsey, Abel Rawson, of New York, then ready to Sail. The Lad promised faithfully to write on his arrival, but has not wrote.

He was to go first to Mr Brown's Ritchmond then to proceed to his relation's Mr White Mr Brown has been wrote to twice but gave no answer—Bell in Leith, when intarrogated denies that he has ever heard from Brown his correspondent respecting the Lad, & says that it is his opinion, the Vessel had gone down at sea—however it is pretty certain that the Vessel arrived safe—from these circumstances his freinds do not know what to think of the matter, it remains with you to satisfy their anxiety—I humbly beg you will make inquiry what has become of this Lad, and write me as soon as possible—I request also that you would mention if John White be still alive or if dead who possess his fortune—

Honourable Sir Your most Ob Servant

JOHN PRESTON

RC (DLC); addressed: "The Honourable President of the state of Virginia N. America"; endorsed by TJ as received 11 Aug. and so recorded in SJL.

to John White, 18 Oct. White purchased property in Albemarle County in 1772 and likely died in 1807 (Woods, *Albemarle*, 343).

A John Preston was listed as a manufacturer in Wellgate in the Dundee, Scotland, city directory (*The Dundee Directory for 1809* [Dundee, 1809], 65).

ABEL RAWSON and the *Betsey* arrived in New London, Connecticut, from Leith, Scotland, on 21 Jan. 1802 and sailed for New York on 23 Jan. (*New London Bee*, 27 Jan. 1802).

For TJ's inquiry into the missing JAMES GICKIE, see TJ to James Brown, 12 Aug., Brown's reply to TJ, 29 Sep., and TJ

<sup>1</sup>Word interlined in place of "heir."

## From Joseph Storer and Others

We the undersigned Ship owners & others concern'd in trade, inhabitants of Kennebunk, in the district of Maine & State of Massachusetts, beg leave most respectfully to represent—that a very large proportion of those who carry on the trade of the port of Kennebunk, are firmly attached to the present System of Administration of the government of the United States, that in the opinion of the undersigned, Jonas Clark Esqr. of this place, ought in justice & propriety, to be removed from the Offices which he holds under the Government, as collector &c. of the revenue of this district.—We have long beheld with regret an Office in the hands of a man who is Systematically opposed to a republican government, & who has zealously exerted his abilities to oppose it,—although from motives of personal interest he has in some degree desisted from acting openly, yet we have good reason to believe that he has left no secret means untried to render the administration unpopular, as far as his influence extended.—an instance of his hostility to republicanism appears by the following toast, which Mr. Clark drank on a public occasion, “John Adams, the ex-President—when Vice prevails & impious men bear sway, the post of honour is the private station.”—many instances of this kind could be given, but we hope & presume that they will not be necessary.—feeling interested in the prosperity of our republican government and its institutions, we sincerely hope, that a man so dangerous to the political rights of such a free government will not any longer be permitted to hold an office under it, when there are men of firm republican principles—men of virtues & abilities, who have exerted their talents with zeal & effect in Opposition to the enemies of the equal rights of Man.—We the undersigned would therefore most respectfully Solicit the President of the United States to remove the Said Jonas Clark Esqr. from the offices which he holds under the general Government, and that he would appoint in his stead, Stephen Thacher Esqr., of this place, a Man of firm republican principles, whose character for honesty is unimpeachable, who is a man of erudition and Science, & who has exerted his talents with zeal & effect in Support of the republican cause in this quarter of the district of Maine, who is esteem'd by all the republicans of this quarter, and who, we do not hesitate to say, would execute the duties of the Office faithfully, and to the Satisfaction of all and the change, we Sincerely believe would be promotive of the republican cause, & the interests of the general Government.—

JOSEPH STORER

Kennebunk March 4. 1806

RC (DNA: RG 59, LAR); at head of text: "To his Excellency Thomas Jefferson, Esquire, President of the United States"; in Storer's hand and signed by him; also signed by Joseph Barnard, Samuel Lord, Nathaniel Lord, Charles W. Williams, Timothy Kezer, James Osborne, Daniel Wheelwright, and Matthew Lindsey; endorsed by TJ as received 29 Apr. and "Clark Joseph to be removd" and so recorded in SJL; also endorsed by TJ: "Thacher Stephen to be appd as Collectr. Kennebunk."

Joseph Storer (ca. 1757-1833) inherited his father's large estate and mansion house in Kennebunk, Maine, where he was prominent in the community as a storekeeper and mill owner. In his short political career, he served as a senator for York County to the Massachusetts General Court from 1806 to 1807. He was the town's postmaster from the early 1790s until TJ appointed him collector of customs in 1809. Storer's wife, Priscilla Cutts,

was a cousin of Massachusetts representative Richard Cutts (Edward E. Bourne, *The History of Wells and Kennebunk* [Portland, Me., 1875], 753-4; Cecil Hampden Cutts Howard, *Genealogy of the Cutts Family in America* [Albany, N.Y., 1892], 43, 45; *Resolves of the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Begun and Held at Boston, in the County of Suffolk, on Wednesday, the Twenty-Eighth Day of May, Anno Domini, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Six* [Boston, 1806], frontmatter; *Fleets Pocket Almanack for the Year of Our Lord 1793 . . . to Which Is Annexed the Massachusetts Register, &c.* [Boston, n.d.], 63; JEP, 2:108; *Boston Liberator*, 19 Oct. 1833).

For past discussions of the Kennebunk collectorship and JONAS CLARK, see Vol. 33:671 and Vol. 35:54, 57n, 85, 108, 158.

WHEN VICE PREVAILS & IMPIOUS MEN BEAR SWAY: with some modification, Clark's toast quoted a line spoken by Cato in Joseph Addison's *Cato: A Tragedy* (London, 1713), 54.

## To John Breckinridge

Wednesday.

TH: JEFFERSON TO MR BRECKENRIDGE

Mar. 5. 06.

Will you come & take an Indian dinner with us tomorrow. there is one of the chiefs who is really a curiosity, as possessing the art of speaking by signs, of which we have often heard, but never before seen an example. the hour, as usual, half after three.

RC (OCHP: Albert W. Whelpley Autograph Collection); addressed: "Mr Brackenridge."

Among the Native Americans at the DINNER of 6 Mch. was "1 Ricara," that is, Arikara chief Too Né (Appendix II, List 1). According to Augustus Foster, secretary of the British legation, Too Né

"explained himself by signs, which mode of communication he is said to have carried to great perfection" (Richard B. Davis, ed., *Jeffersonian America: Notes on the United States of America Collected in the Years 1805-6-7 and 11-12 by Sir Augustus John Foster, Bart.* [San Marino, Calif., 1954], 43; James Wilkinson to TJ, 23 Dec.).

## From Stephen Cullen Carpenter

Charleston S.C. 5th: March 1806

The Author of “the Monthly Register, and Review of the United States,” requests the Presidents acceptance of that work.

RC (DLC); unsigned; on verso: “Private”; endorsed by TJ: “Monthly Register.” Enclosure: *The Monthly Register, and Review of the United States*, possibly issues from the first volume (Sowerby, No. 3375).

Stephen Cullen Carpenter (ca. 1752-1830), an Irish-born journalist and parliamentary reporter, was in Charleston by 1803. He edited the *Charleston Courier*, a Federalist newspaper, in 1805 and into 1806. His *Monthly Register, and Review of the United States*, a literary miscellany and historical and political review, began in Charleston in January 1805 and continued in New York, where he moved the following year. He also assumed the editorship of a pro-British New York newspaper, which he renamed *The People’s Friend*. He

wrote and published his two-volume *Memoirs of the Hon. Thomas Jefferson* (New York, 1809), which offered a strong critique of French influence on the administration. He died in Philadelphia (DAB; *Dictionary of Literary Biography*, 394 vols. [Detroit, Mich., 1978-88], 73:67-71; Charles S. Watson, “Stephen Cullen Carpenter: First Drama Critic of the Charleston Courier,” *South Carolina Historical Magazine*, 69 [1968], 243-52; Brigham, *American Newspapers*, 1:678; 2:1029-30; Frank Luther Mott, *A History of American Magazines*, 5 vols. [Cambridge, Mass., 1938-68], 1:260-61; *Monthly Register, and Review of the United States*, prospectus appended to 1 Jan. 1805; Philadelphia *National Gazette and Literary Register*, 5 Aug. 1830; Vol. 40:551-2, 553n).

## From John S. Cogdell

SIR

Washington Six Buildings 5h March 1806.

On being presented to you on Monday last, it was my intention to have tendered for your acceptance the enclosed Head, but on entering we were informed you were engaged with the Secretary of State, & therefore I determin’d—not to occupy one moment of that time so seriously in demand by my Country—there perchance may be some leisure moment to peruse—I have therefore Sir, taken the Liberty of enclosing you the Head of the present *Pope*—to whom I have had the Honor of an Introduction &c &c and having procured the enclosed on the spot and knowing it to be a good likeness, Solicit your acceptance—

I remain Sir your very obt: Sert:

JOHN. S. COGDELL

RC (DLC); at head of text: “Mr. Thomas Jefferson”; endorsed by TJ as received 6 Mch. and so recorded in SJL. Enclosure not found.

John Stephen Cogdell (1778-1847) of South Carolina attended the College of Charleston and studied law. He passed the

bar in 1799, but ill health prompted him to delay a legal career in favor of a European tour that included Rome. Upon his return, Cogdell opened a law practice in Charleston. He was for several terms a state legislator. Although Cogdell turned down an offer by TJ in 1806 to be consul at Rome, he accepted James Monroe’s

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appointment as naval officer at the Charleston custom house in 1821. In 1832, he became president of the Bank of South Carolina. Cogdell helped found the South Carolina Academy of Arts and was himself a respected local artist with a number of portraits and busts to his credit (John Belton O'Neill, *Biographical Sketches of the Bench and Bar of South Carolina*,

2 vols. [Charleston, 1859], 2:215-18; Anna Wells Rutledge, "Artists in the Life of Charleston: Through Colony and State from Restoration to Reconstruction," *Transactions of the American Philosophical Society*, 39 [1949], 137, 144-5, 235; Madison, *Papers, Pres. Ser.*, 9:134; Appendix 1).

## From Joseph Hamilton Daveiss

SIR

Now at Frankfort 5 March 1806

The post has arrived but brings no letter from you. Can it be possible that my two letters of the 10th of January & 10th of February have miscarried.

If either has failed, every further attempt of mine will be abortive. I pray you inform me only of this point, by a letter to me at the Yellow Banks post office, without delay, for I am now determined to raise money upon my own credit and pursue my enquiries into this matter:—confident that if my government will give me no aid, it will throw no obstacles in my way. If you deem my information too trivial to be noticed by the chief of a great nation, you will surely nevertheless, be just enough to me, to keep it inviolably secret till I return from my present pursuit. Every day gives me new causes to confide in the justness of my impressions and opinions in this matter and to make it more probable, that to this source is to be traced the eagerness of the spaniards for war.

This day I have seen the very man *through* whom Wilkinson for a long time carried on his correspondence with the Spanish government clandestinely—and he knows of Philip Nolan, the great horse trader, bringing several cags of dollars to fort washington for that gent. But this gent. my informant will not suffer his name to be mentioned: so the information cant assume the shape of legal evidence, altho it may serve to satisfy your mind. The man I know for many years: his integrity is wholly unquestionable.

I am Sir very respectfully yo mo ob Sert

J. H. DAVEISS.

RC (DLC); addressed: "His Excellency Thomas Jefferson president Washington," with notation by Daveiss: "under cover to col. Sanford"; endorsed by TJ as received 21 Mch. and so recorded in SJJL.

## From Henry Dearborn

SIR

[on or before 5 Mch. 1806]

It is not necessary to nominate district paymasters to the Senate,—nor to nominate Cadets. as you have not returned the list of Cadets I presented to you, with the other list of appointments you may have sent the Cadet list with the others, if so it may not be improper to recall it.

I am Sir Your Obedt, Servt.

H. DEARBORN

RC (DLC); undated; addressed: “The President of the United States”; endorsed by TJ as received 5 Mch. 1806 and “Cadets” and so recorded in SJJL.

LIST OF CADETS: see Dearborn to TJ, 20 Feb., and note at TJ to the Senate, 24 Feb.

## From Thomas Dill

SIR/

Cannonsburgh Chartiers March 5 1806

It is a very weighty & Important business & concern lays upon you Sir; in the place and Station you are put in to by & with the voice of the people in the American States; but how can I or how Shall I or any other Individual know whether the Almighty God of heaven Approveeth or Disapproveeth of you & of your way of transacting business; if you fear & love the lord god of heaven & Earth in truth & Sincerity I mean with the Right kind of fear & love; then Dear Sir you are Disposed And Inclined to Ask & Seek & Desire wisdom & knowledge & Segacity & Skill & a penetrating Judgment & discernment; to perceive & discern clearly between Right and wrong & truth & lyes & what is Just & unjust; that which is cruel & oppressive & Injurious to the commonwealth; the Almighty holy Spirit of god has Said let no man Seek his own but every man Anothers wealth And god has commanded the children of men to further the wealth & outward Estate of others as well as our own; & to use all lawful Endeavours to preserve our own lives & the lives of Others All Nations god made of one blood Acts 17th. & 26th; & he hath Determined the times before Appointed And the bounds of their habitation; that they Should Seek the lord; if haply they might feel after him & find him; tho he be not far from every one of us; for in him we live & move & have our being; forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God; we ought not to Imbibe or Drink in Deistical & theistical principles or practices Nor fall Into Spiritual whoredom & Departure from the true & living god from his pure Spiritual holy worship & Service; into the Idolatry & Superstition; of the cursed & Damned pope of Rome that

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cursed horrid Impostor & coequal Assistant with the Devil Old Satan who tempted Adam & Eve to Eat the forbidden fruit; & then told them they had Need of god that made them to take Care of them; Even So has president Jefferson Great Need of the Almighty god of the heavens & the Earth & Sea to take Care of him & give him wisdom & Direction; how to act And transact & Rule & guide & manage Affairs for the honour & Glory of god & for the temporal good & welfare of the people in General at large; I think & I believe, that the lord god of hosts has a Just & Sovereign Right in & of himself to make & appoint kings & princes & presidents & governors & Emperors & to put into high places of trust & Authority whomsoever he pleases & when he pleases; & who may Say or who dare Say unto him what Dost thou or why Dost thou do so; and I think like wise that by the permissive Decree of god, that he may Suffer or let or permit Either the Old Devil Satan & Ye Ignorant Spiritually blind people to Choose & vote into an office & place of trust; a Ruler that will Rule not for the good & health & wealth of the people but for their Ruin and destruction; I am persuaded & I believe that Antichrist that is the pope of Rome has been chosen by the Devil & has learned of the Devil, & got his learning from the Devil; & he is the Choice also of the Roman Catholicks; for their teacher & leader; & the pope of Rome he Joins with the Devil that he got his learning from as an Assistant helper to Decieve the poor blind Ignorant people O who on Earth can tell what an Intolerable Bed in hell ye horrid Imposter & Deceiver the pope of Rome will go & have in hell forever through an Endless Eternity who deceives all the Souls he can by his cursed lyes; in pretending & Saying that he can forgive & pardon his hearers & followers Sins Not withstanding the lord god of truth has Said in his word plainly & Expressly that there is none can forgive Sins but the Son of god only O would to god he was Dead & Never Another pope to Arise in his Room & place unto the End of the world; the pope is Antichrist & Even Now there are many Antichrists first John 2d. & 18th verse; Dr. Sir you may Read where he is plainly & Clearly & Intelligibly Described in 2d Thessalonians 2d Chapter & 4th verse & downward to the 13th verse; O what Need we have of the lord god of hosts to protect America to Defend the Rights & libertys of America To support & Uphold the Americans; the god of heaven And Earth tells us not to give offence to Jew or gentile or the Church of god; & it is impossible but that offences will come; but wo to that man by whom the offences Cometh; the lord god has given his just and Righteous & holy law to the Nations the children of men; & the 6th Command is thou Shalt Not kill for he that kills with the Sword

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