

Sir

Washington Mar. 12. 05.

Having referred to the Superintendent your letter of Feb. 9. I have received from him the answer of which the enclosed is a copy. It appears, as I conjectured in my former letter, that the U.S. have no interest in the question between the representatives of Byron & Prentiss, should not intermeddle, but to leave to them to settle their right to the money in their own way. Accept my salutations & respects.

J. M. Jefferson

Mr. A. Ritchie

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Having referred to the Superintendent your letter of
 Feb. 9. I have received from him the amount of what the balance is
 owing. It appears, as I expected, as I anticipated in my former letter, that the
 balance is in fact in the hands of the Superintendent of the
 District, and not in the hands of the Treasury, but to have them to
 right to the money in their own way. Receipt may be had of
 the Superintendent.

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