

Dear Sir

Washington Jan. 31. 08.

Yours of the 27<sup>th</sup> was received last night. Those of Nov. 25. & Dec. 29. had been received in due time. The pressure of business had prevented my acknowledging them. I shall be happy to see you here, and repeat my hope of your taking your daily soup with us when not otherwise engaged. I have just received information that Russia has interdicted to her subjects all intercourse with England, has sent off the British ambassador & recalled her own from London. Mr Canning's letter on that subject to the L<sup>d</sup>. Mayor will be in tomorrow's paper. our affairs in Europe are totally at a stand: what effect will be produced on them here remains to be seen. in the hope of seeing you here shortly I salute you with constant affection & respect.

J. Jefferson

Mr. Short.



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