

Dear Sir

Monheello Feb. 23. 14.

I am first to thank you for the indulgences of yours of Feb. 6. I believe that by the combined effects of blockade embargo and drought, I have suffered more than any other individual. The two former would but have left me where I was, but the last threw me back by forcing me to buy a year's subsistence for my whole family. — on the receipt of your letter I saw Mr Higgenbotham and stated to him the accomodation to you of paying his first bond immediately. he promised to endeavor to do it, and by the inclosed note from him yesterday I perceive it is done, and notice of it forwarded to you. he desires you to inclose his bond, and rent-note to me, to be given him in exchange for receipts for the payments made.

I sincerely rejoice that the career of Bonaparte is at length arrested, and that Europe is likely to be restored to it's ancient divisions and governments: for bad as they were, they were better than the military despotisms of Bonaparte, than great designs of his, conceived and executed for the prosperity & happiness of the world? the only thing to be lamented is that the tyrant of the ocean is not also dismounted. peace I suppose we shall have; but on the condition of navigating under her licenses; and altho I believe we have greatly overtraded ourselves, I should prefer a war ad internecionem to a peace on that condition. it will very possibly end in the total suppression of our navigation & commerce, and leave us to be a world by ourselves. my whole confidence as to the salvation of commerce is in Alexander, that he will not yield to the subjugation of the ocean. present me affectionately to M. Correa, whom I shall rejoice to see here, and the more were you to accompany him. I shall write to him soon, the engourdisment of the winter being over. affectionately yours

W. Jefferson

