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Madison 10th May 1806.

This serves to acknowledge the receipt of your Note of the 19th Sept. last enclosing the certificate requested. I did not expect to take the liberty to write you again, but the several matters hinted at in my letter, having the appearance of a favorable termination induces me to congratulate you on the happy event, an acquisition of such extensive fertile Territory at so cheap a rate, I believe is not known in the History of any Age, an acquisition calculated to promote the wealth & happiness of unborn Millions, I should perhaps make the terms of settlement easy, but Thousands of Europeans who are now suffering under the yoke of despotic Tyranny, will find an Asylum in the now uncultivated Forests of America. I have for sometime wished to travel thro' the Floridas for the purpose of acquiring a settlement suitable for a Rising Family, but the consideration of their being governed by a Monarch I did not being willing to risk the happiness I derive from living under the best Government on earth, a Government calculated to insure the happiness of the world, has prevented me. The exchange of some of our lands on the West side of the Mississippi for those on the East side I consider of great importance, as by this exchange we shall have a sufficient scope for

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Two large States on the East side of the Mississippi
if we extend them from the Atlantic to the mountains
perhaps no Country has greater advantages with respect
to fertility of Soil, Climate & Navigation than the most
of this extensive Country. Should we be so successful
as to obtain it by purchase if you should (with diffidence
I mention it) after such enquiry as you may deem
proper, think me worthy of any appointment there,
you may rest assured that every exertion in my
power to support the Rights of my Country &
maintain the Confidence you may repose in me shall
be exerted so far as my abilities extend. with
Sentiments of respect I am Sir

Yr. M^o B^o W^o S^o
Joshua Trout