

Monticello June 30. 19.

I am very thankful, Sir, to yourself and Mr Tone for the military tract you have been so kind as to send me. I have read it with awful sensations. I have never doubted that a great contest must one day take place between Great Britain and the United States, but my hope has been that that day was very distant, and great time yet allowed us for preparation. every year gives us growth, strength & wealth, and every year approaches them to the precipice they must some day leap, that of their national debt. the issue of that crush we cannot predict. it will depend on their soldiery. if their civism is firm, a government of better security to the good of the people will result. but if they take side against their country a military despotism must ensue, and in time the debility, wretchedness and debasement which are the necessary consequences of a government where the people are but the cattle of their master. Mr Tone's book will, I am sure, do good, as it will bring the subject more home than it ever has been to the consideration of every American. I have lived to see three wars, and every one pro aris et foci. I hope I shall be discharged before a fourth. I salute you with great esteem & respect.

Mr. Sampson.

Th: Jefferson

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I am very thankful Sir, to yourself and Mr. Tice for the interesting
letter you have been so kind as to send me. I have read it with much
attention. I have your doubts that a great contest must one day
take place between Great Britain and the United States. But my
hope has been that that day was very distant, and great time yet el-
-lapsed us for preparation. My year gives us growth, though it is
and every year approaches the time when the people they must one day
that their various debt. The time of that must we cannot predict.
it will depend on their conduct. If their conduct is firm, a government
of better account to the good of the people will result. But if they take
against their country a military expedition must ensue, and in time
the debility, exhaustion and disorganization which are the necessary
consequences of a government that oppresses the people are but the certain
matter. Mr. Tice's book will, I am sure, be read, as it will bring the subject
more home than it ever has been to the consideration of every American.
I have tried to see three times, and every one pro and of force. I hope
I shall be discharged before a month. I subscribe with great esteem & respect.

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