

Dear Sir

Monticello Feb 9. 12.

The inclosed letter being directed to you in conjunction with Mr Randolph & myself, I now forward it. Your personal knowledge of the young gentlemen will perhaps enable you to serve them, and especially your presence at the seat of appointment. I have no personal acquaintance with them, but have written to the Secretary at War inclosing a letter from Dr Turpin respecting them. Our neighborhood furnishes little matter of communication, and I go too seldom from home to collect that little. I find my neighbors expect war, approve of it & are willing to meet any taxes except the stamp-tax. I hear some wishing the whiskey tax (which every sober man will favor) could be levied solely on licenses to be issued for selling that liquor. The objections to this tho' weighty, are not as strong as <sup>to</sup> the domiciliary searches. Accept the assurance of my esteem & respect.

The honorable

James Pleasants.

W. Jefferson

Measart James Feb. 9. 12.

March 20th 1812

Dear Sir

The enclosed letter being directed to you in con-  
 junction with Mr. Peabody & myself, I was favored  
 to receive personal notice of the same & shall  
 will probably enable you to save them and express  
 your presence at the next appointment. I have  
 personal acquaintance with them, but have written to  
 the Secretary at New England a letter from St. Louis  
 respecting them. The enclosed papers  
 contain a communication, and the enclosed papers  
 which that letter, I have not time to repeat here  
 have got a new copy of the same and will be sent  
 to you. I have some copies of the letter for (which may  
 inform you of the same) and shall be glad to  
 to be sent for you. The enclosed  
 the receipt, one of which is sent to the Secretary  
 being the assurance of my letter & receipt.

Wm. Peabody

James Measart

The Editor