

Dear Sir

Washington May 6. 1803.

Your favor of the 29<sup>th</sup> was received last night. What followed after I had the pleasure of seeing you at Monticello, so completely covered the whole ground of difference, as to require the partial effect of the letter I gave you. altho' I have no doubt that an affair of five & thirty years standing, ~~and~~ explained 25 years ago & dormant ever since, must have been so suddenly excited by party interests, in those towards me, and by a desire in them to make an honest man, with far different views, an instrument of their personal & party vengeance, without any regard to his happiness, which they have manifested by their publications, and I must say, in justice to the gentleman alluded to in your letter, & who was the sole intermediary of the communication, that he shared a sincere desire to effect that a reconciliation, and completely avoided the producing difficulties by the manner of asking. Hence the matter presented here, is only desired that I would say in a letter addressed to his friend, that I had said before to another, & then repeated to him verbally. The letter last written to me, & alluded to in your letter, was answered by me without delay, but suffered some accidental delay by the post. I have seen him, with a just sensibility the friend, & with interested interest you have been so good as to take in this business, and acknowledge it with sincerity, desirous that no vestige of it may remain in earth to be raised up hereafter, I will pray you to burn even this letter, as I see in time will be done with every other which has been written on the subject. The difference is understood to be finally closed, but nothing has been said about future intercourse, that must depend on the feelings of the other party, which I accept very friendly salutations & assurances of high regard & esteem.

W. S. Johnson

The Honble Joseph Bonaparte

Received by Mr. Johnson May 6. 1803



Your favor of the 27th was received last night. This is the first time  
 I have had the pleasure of seeing your letter, and I am glad to see  
 it comes so soon, as to expedite the point of view of the letter I have  
 written. I have no doubt that an affair of this kind will be  
 concluded in a few days, and I am glad to see it is so soon  
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