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From J. Monroe &
The Surgeon Genl of
The Army

From Mr. Monroe

U. S. Army Arsenal New York
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I last evening saw Mr. Fall
the aide de camp of Genl. Scott who informed me
that the Secretary of War had forwarded to Genl. S.
the correspondence between you & myself on the
subject of Dr. Dayton. Also letters which
have passed between you & Dr. D. respecting
his contract & the certificates he is required to
entitle him to pay. I have not seen
the letters from Dr. Dayton to you and your
answers, but I understand from Mr. Fall, that
Dr. Dayton has not been very delicate in
language toward myself, which is not of the
smallest importance. Through the part you have

acted claim my attention.

Will you be so good as to answer
the following questions. viz. Is it the custom of
your Office to correspond with persons respecting
an Officers Command in which such Office, has
to act & is concerned, without sending Copies of
your communications to the Office in question?

Is it the practice in your Office to receive
letters derogatory to the character of an Officer, no
matter from what source, and file them away without
notifying the Officer of their receipt?

After I have your answer I shall be
better able to make my comments, &c, &c.

For the present we have nothing to do
with Col. Dayton. Genl. Scott will
report on my conduct.

Yours
Saml. A.

With Respect.

Wm
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