

Charge d'Affaires to Sweden 1819.
to the Netherlands - 1825 -

Baltimore 5th February 1844.

I have the honour, my dear Sir, to acknowledge your most friendly letter of Wednesday date: for it, & for this additional demonstration of your good wishes, allow me to tender to you, my most sincere thanks.

The Crisis, & the probable shortness of my absence, combine with the distinction, which, under the auspices of your patronage, it has pleased the President to confer on me, by my nomination to the Senate, to induce me to embark in the office, provided I be appointed. To be, in any manner, associated with the Person of an Essay, to procure peace to this most happy country, I feel to be an honour, only equalled, by my feelings of thanks and respect for you, my d^r Sir, who have occasioned it.

My arrangements can be made in a few hours, & I shall be in readiness to obey any instructions you may honour me with. In a conversation I had with Mr. Clay, in transitu, through Baltimore, He said, that he did not anticipate a long absence; calculating that the Character of the Negotiation would soon develop itself; if happily, there need be no delay! if adversely, that always presupposes a quick termination.

I beg to iterate my respects for you, my d^r Sir: I shall await yr orders; the more minute you may make them, the more acceptable; as, of course, you must believe me, entirely in want of instruction & understanding as to my movements &c.

I have the honour to remain
most sincerely & faithfully yours
my dear Sir
Christopher Hughes Esq.

Hon^{ble} A. Monroe

C. M. ... 1814

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