

James Monroe,
Secy

Washington June 17. 1814

Dear Sir

you did what was proper in
obedience to draw out any additional
force in consequence of the late intelligence
given from Europe. Under certain
circumstances the right exists, in the State
Executive, but not under those of the
moment. Through the whole of our re-
volution, I may be said as if she had no
connection with the rest of the Union,
draw out, & ever void, troops, & in-
cur'd expenses, which fell on her-
self; for which at least she never did
obtain any credit. Pray those in
power here, when you see an occasion
for it; but do it with method; in

making any call or claim, know the
ground of it, & make it appear.

Had Joseph published his book
he would have ruined his reputation
for ever, & injured all his friends. His
book would have been an object of
curiosity, ^{with the merits of the post} by his connection with me,
and its object, in the person attacked.

For the same reason it would have
excited horror, with all the friends
of the post. We, of Albemarle, &c.,
practise much on the principle, that
the State of Virg^a has done, with
the Union. The people there have some
weight, but by no means, for things, the ob-
ject of every thing.

your friend
J. S. Monroe