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Dear Sir

I was very sorry that the very afflictive events which have occurred of late in my family, & the weak state of my health, deprived me of the pleasure of seeing you, as I passed thro' Baltimore. A little change has taken place in my health since my arrival here. My family think it has improved, but I am not sensible of it. The very unfavorable weather has deprived me of exercise, which has retarded my recovery —

I have the pleasure to forward to you the oration lately delivered in this city, by Mr Governeur, on the celebration of the recent very important revolution in France. I hope sincerely that you continue to enjoy your health

with very great & sincere respect & regard I am dear Sir yours

James Monroe

Mr Carroll.

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This letter from the Ex-President Monroe to the last survivor of the Signers of the Declaration of independence, was in reply to a letter of condolence from the old gentleman on the recent deaths of Mr. Eliza Hay, Col. Monroe's son-in-law, & Mrs. Monroe his wife, both of which occurred about the same time. The envelope of brown paper, covered the letter & the pamphlet alluded to. They were given to me by Mr. Cassell through his grandson-in-law Mr. MacTavish.

Robert Selmor

13. Decemb. 1830.

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