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Richmond June 22. 1800.

Dear Sir

You have, I doubt not, been surpris'd, at my not answering yr. very friendly letter of April 28th before this. But the truth is no incident has occurred since I came into the Executive of this Commonwealth, that has so much excited my sensibility, as that which respects Mr. Jownes. The affair was settled before yr. letter was rec^d. The circumstances attending the appointment, so far as they had reference to him, had given me concern; and this was increased by yr. letter. I first delayed answering it from the delicacy of the subject in reference to Mr. Jownes, till I began to reproach myself of inattention to you, which consideration made it still more irksome to me; and thus those circumstances w^{ch} ought to have prompted me to activity became a motive to delay. In giving you an answer I have thought it my duty to explain why you have not rec^d. one sooner, knowing that in all cases 'honesty is the best policy', and that a candid explanation was more especially due to the rights of a sincere friendship which has long and I trust always will subsist between us.

I hear the aff^r. with respect to Mr. Jownes has been so managed as to have hurt his feelings, but if this is the case he ought not to ascribe any portion of the fault to the Executive of this State. It was not till abt. a month or six weeks at most, before the appointment was made, that it was intimated to me Mr. Jownes might probably be prevailed on to accept the office in question. This I believe was the first intimation of it to any one by whom the appointment was to be made, for when I communicated the subject to the

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council, it seemed to give the members the first intelligence of it; you know I presume that the Ch. Magistrate ~~was~~ makes such appointments, under the constitution of our State, by the advice of a council; on this occasion it was obvious, most of the members had already made up their mind in favor of another person. It was not then certain the law would be carried into effect in the early part of the present year, owing to the state of the buildings, which were unfinished; I communicated to the gentl^{men} from whom I had read a letter respecting Mr. Lowrey that I had laid it before the council; that no appointment was made for the above reason; that I should whenever one was made again bring to the view of the council the pretensions of Mr. Lowrey. Very shortly after this on a report of the superintendent of the building, it was resolved to carry the law into effect, on which occasion I fulfilled what I had promised with respect to Mr. Lowrey, when what I had before anticipated of the disposition of the members of the council was verified, a majority voting in favor of a Mr. Mims, a respectable citizen possessing many suitable qualifications for the trust, but without the experience & perhaps others who Mr. Lowrey is known to possess in a high degree. It is proper to observe that had the council been unanimous in favor of Mr. Lowrey, it was scarcely possible to have availed ourselves of his services, under the above circumstances, after I read the above mentioned communication respecting him. nor was it certain, if he was appointed that he would ^{on the compensation allowed} serve, a circumstance which made it more necessary to appoint someone on the ground. From this view of the case, you will perceive nothing in the conduct of the Ex: of this State, which ought to give offence to Mr. Lowrey. no communication was ever made to him by the executive, no invitation to accept the office, nor it was not supposed he would leave Phil^a or resign the one he held. He was therefore not thought of by the executive ^{for it} till the time above noticed. The gentl^{men} who

did communicate with him on the subject were not of the executive, nor did they make their communications to him with the knowledge of the executive; they certainly did not with my knowledge. How far it was proper for any one thus circumstanced, in respect to the executive or Mr. Lowrey, to make such communications to him I will not pretend to say. Certain it is however, had they not been made Mr. Lowrey's feelings would not have been hurt: indeed I hope they are not: nor would the executive have been put in an unpleasant dilemma, with a citizen of great merit, for whom it entertains the highest respect. I do not however wish to censure the conduct of these gentl^{men} in this respect. I am satisfied their motives were good, since the object was to engage in the service of the State, a man eminently well qualified for the trust in view, and whose name will be associated, if our republican institutions survive the convulsions of the day, with those who are most distinguished as the friends of humanity. Mr. Monroe writes with me in requesting you to make our best respects to Mr. P. & family. very sincerely I am dear Sir yr friend & servant
Jas. Monroe

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the
 application of the said [unclear] for a license to practice the art of medicine in the
 State of Virginia. The said [unclear] is a native born citizen of the said State, and
 has resided in the same for the term of years required by law. He has also
 been examined by the Board of Examiners, and found to be qualified in all respects
 to practice the art of medicine in the said State. It is therefore the order of the
 Board that a license be granted to the said [unclear] to practice the art of medicine
 in the said State, and that he be admitted to the full rights and privileges of a
 member of the said Board. This order is given in conformity with the provisions of
 the Act of Assembly, passed on the 10th day of March, 1796, and amended on the
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 and on the 10th day of March, 2014, and on the 10th day of March, 2018, and on
 the 10th day of March, 2022.

J. W. [unclear]
 Secretary