

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> James Monroe  
Secretary of State  
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New York 24<sup>th</sup> July 1812

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>. James Monroe

Sir

I take the liberty to ask the favour of you, to inform me how an Alien must conduct under the following circumstances, to comply with the regulations of this Government

Mr. David Hadden, a British subject, and who is a reputable merchant of Leeds, married a niece of mine about three years ago and settled in this City, having business with his partners in Yorkshire, he went to England last Spring leaving his wife and children here with an intention to return the ensuing autumn. Will Mr. Hadden be permitted to come and remain here with his family? or if not, will he be allowed to come and take his wife and children to England? I ask this information at this time, because a good opportunity will offer from this port in eight days, by which I wish to send such information as you may be good enough to furnish me with, that Mr. Hadden may regulate himself accordingly.

I am with Respect, your Obedt

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New York July 1812

The Hon. James Thomson

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst. in relation to the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

I have the honor to inform you that the amendments proposed in your letter have been forwarded to the Convention which is now sitting in the City of New York.

I have the honor to inform you that the Convention has not yet taken any action on the amendments proposed in your letter.

I have the honor to inform you that I am not authorized to say how long the Convention will continue to sit.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
John Thompson

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