

Washington June 1. 1824

Dear Samuel

I enclose you a letter to Maria from  
her mother, whose health is so delicate, that it  
required a great exertion on her part to write it.  
I wish I could have diverted her from it, but  
could not, of which however you  
to Maria. We have been so long confined here, and so  
much worried with the duties we have had to accom-  
-plish, that her nervous system has been much affec-  
-ted of late. We intended to have gone to London today,  
but I have thought it best, on due consideration,  
to remain here, until the final report of the Com-  
-missioners, on the question depending between your widow  
& Mr Crawford, which it is expected will be made  
sometime next week. We shall immediately  
afterwards move up there, where your aunt,  
with Mrs May will remain. I shall come here or  
-elsewhere when occasion may require. We en-  
-dure a hope that you, Maria, & ~~the~~ the two  
children, may make us a visit, in the course  
of the summer, or autumn, ~~that we wish~~  
that to be regulated, entirely by your own efforts,  
to which due regard must be paid.

I have granted a pardon to Percy, in whose  
favor, a strong application, has been made, by  
many, who have represented, that a mistake  
had been made, as to the person, who committed  
the piracy. No interference is made with  
the decision of the court, the pardon being  
drawn cautiously ~~so~~ so as to rest it entirely

on the testimony, was  
was thought to be very gross, & of attentions. In  
fact, it would have been unpardonable to  
permit a man to be executed, if there were  
the most remote cause to suspect, that he was  
not the person, he was supposed to be. I wish you  
to explain the motions on which I have acted,  
to Mr. Tillotson, to guard against misapprehensions.

I hope that you have explained to Judge War-  
ren, & Mr. Tillotson, the motions to his ap-  
pointment. I think that he had better ac-  
cept it, tho' on that point, he alone, can  
form a correct judgment. - our affectionate  
regards attend you all - yr friend  
James Monroe

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