

Washington

21st Feb 1830

Dear Sir,

I am happy to learn, that your health continues to improve, and, I think, that you may look forward to a complete restoration with the approach of moderate weather.

Mr Mercer had presented your petition before I received your letter, which superseded the necessity of consulting the friends to whom you referred, as to the manner and time of bringing it forward. An able Commissioner has been appointed; and I do trust, that ^{the claims} it will be regarded, in reference to those high principles of justice, to which your long and faithful public services so fairly entitle you. Some of your friends take a deeper interest in what concerns you.

I see also, that the State of

country is becoming daily more extensive.
I will not, however, trouble you with my
reflections, till I shall have an op-
portunity of conversing with you.

Present my respects to Mrs. Howard
& Mr. & Mrs. May; and believe me to
be your sincere friend

J. C. Calhoun

July 21. 1830

Mr. Calhoun

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