Mrs. Geo. Hay & Mrs. J. L. Gourdin
Daughters of the late Hon. Jas. Monroe

New York.

Charleston July 13th 1831.

Ladies,

The Mail of yesterday brought to our City the melancholy intelligence that your venerable & respected Parent, the Hon.ble James Monroe, had closed his Mortal Career on the 4th inst. Such a Man could not descend to the Tomb, in a Community he had so long honored & served, without exciting feelings of unfeigned sorrow & regret. This mournful event was announced, on the Eve of the same day, at a numerous & highly respectable Meeting of the State Rights & Free Trade Party of the City of Charleston, when the subjoined Resolutions, proposed by the Hon.ble Robert Y. Hayne, were unanimously adopted. As Chairman of the Meeting I was directed to convey them to you with the assurance of their condolence & sympathy. Your illustrious Parent has departed full of years & full of honors, & while, in common with our fellow citizens, we deplore his loss, we cannot but feel gratified, & it must be a source of heartfelt consolation to yourselves, that his useful and honorable life has been extended to the utmost limit assigned to human enjoyment, leaving ab

at its close, a character unsullied by reproach & worthy of all imitation. I am very respectfully, Ladies,

Your obt. Servant

H. D. Clark

Mrs George Hay, & Mrs S. L. Gouverneur, Daughters of the late Hon.ble James Monroe.

Tribute of respect to James Monroe

1831

A numerous and respectable meeting of the State Rights and Free Trade party of Charleston, (S. C.) having taken place on the day when the tidings were received of the death Mr. Monroe, The Hon R Y Hayne rose, and after a few pertinent and feeling remarks, submitted the following Preamble and Resolutions, which were unanimously adopted: - - -

Accounts having just reached us of the death of the venerable James Monroe, late President of the United States, on the 4th of July last, and being desirous of manifesting our respect for the memory of a gallant soldier of the Revolution, who freely shed his blood in defence of Liberty; of an accomplished statesman, who, during the most trying periods of our history filled the highest offices, in a manner at once acceptable to his country and honorable to himself; and of a citizen, surpassed by none in public or private virtue:

Be it therefore resolved, That we have heard with profound regret of the decease of our highly esteemed fellow-citizen, the late James Monroe, and that our hearts are sensibly affected by the recollection, that like his two Predecessors in the Presidency, he should have yielded up his breath on the great day (consecrated to Liberty) on which the old thirteen States were declared to be free, sovereign and independent — a declaration which it was the labor of his youth to support and establish, and the business of his whole life to sustain and illustrate.

Resolved, That as a testimony of our respect for the character, veneration for the memory, and gratitude for the public services of Mr. Monroe we will wear crape on the left arm for thirty days

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be transmitted by the Chairman of this Meeting, accompanied by a letter of condolence to the daughters of Mr. Monroe. —