

Richmond Dec. 26. 1799.

My Dear Sir

I recd. yr. favor of the 22^d with great pleasure because I know it came from a heart very capable of friendship, and quite incapable of professing it when it does not exist. I assure you the interest my ^{old} & well known friends have taken in what has concerned me, and above all, the satisfaction they have shown on acct. of this late testimony of the publick confidence, has affected me in a very singular manner. I shall certainly carry the remembrance of it with me throo life; I need not say that I will not disappoint their expectation, as to my political conduct, while I continue in publick notice. I heard of the death of the late genl. W. as I entered the town, and felt my resentment calmed & done away in an instant. From the dead we have nothing to fear or hope; and the good a man has done ought to move him; on this principle I acted on that subject. I read with pleasure & instruction yr. letter on the alien & sedition laws, & shod. be glad to see yr. paper to move on the illuminate of Virg^a; if it were convenient before printed. Indeed I wish much to hear from you, now that I am here in publick life, as often as you have leisure on publick aff^s; if any hints you may give me may be improved to ad-

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advantage in my communications with others.

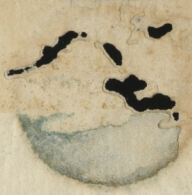
I sincerely congratulate you on the intelligence from abroad. The genius of liberty, as the French say, seems to have taken leave of her votaries in Switzerland, Italy & Mauritius. The Lyder too I think begins to learn at home, and if we shod. be so happy as rid ourselves of those from whom much evil has already accrued, & no good can be expected, by the election of a republican president, our crisis wou. be over. I left Mrs. Monroe at home. I shall go for her as soon as the house is prepared for her accommodation. My best respects to Mrs. Tucker. very sincerely

I am dear Sir yr. friend

Jas. Monroe

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