

Richmond March 26th 1800.

Sir,

On a report of the superintendant of the building intended for the security of those who may be sentenced to confinement in it, under the law "to amend the penal laws of this Commonwealth," it appears to be in a state to receive such persons when they arrive. In consequence it has been deemed proper by the Executive to issue a Proclamation declaring the law in force according to a provision contained therein. I send you a copy of the Proclamation as also of a law which passed last Session on the same subject, and have directed the express in case you have sat out on your Circuit to follow you to the first Court with which it commences. With great respect and esteem I am your most obedient servant.

J. Monroe

Richard. D. ...

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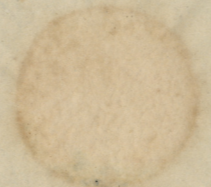
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Mr George Tucker
a Judge of the General Court.

Essex Court House
March 26. 1800
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