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FROM THE SPIRIT OF SERIOUSNESS.

The following interesting correspondence between the President of the United States and Mr. Monroe, is published from a copy of the original, in possession of Mr. Monroe.

Washington, Feb. 19, 1808.

MY DEAR SIR,

I am with little grief a correspondence between yourself and another who have been very dear to each other, and who is to me. I sincerely pray that these dispositions may not be affected between you and me. I confidently believe they will not, for independently of the dictates of public duty which prescribe friendship to me, my sincere friendship for you but will induce its sacred observance. I offer no one to do more than will me on the subject. I already perceive by my friend Colonel Monroe, he is informed from me. No doubt he has recorded to him as they will be to the utmost two conditions, which he has which, however false, he can scarcely question. Yet I have been equally careful not to offer anything to a wanton disposition. The object of the correspondence is, that I may, by mutual agreement, be relieved from the ill-will, and the consequences of it, which I have, and which I fear, will be, in the public estimation, a great injury to my character, and which, I hope, you will be sensible, I have not deserved to do me justice, without the slightest injury to yourself. I, for many, you may be assured, that I shall never cease, to take a deep interest in your welfare, and gratefully remember your services.

I informed Mr. Madison when I was at Washington, that I should write him a letter, in reply to his of May last, which, on the subject of the treaty, to answer some of his objections to it, and place in a just light others, which I fear, from the representations to that transaction, I shall have reason to fear, have made a deep impression on his mind, to your disadvantage. That letter in the most unlucky moment, it be should find our passage in it, which failed to reach you. I should be happy to alter it, having in view only a full vindication of my conduct, and to remove, as possible the injury, which I fear, it may have done you. I shall, in the same letter, also, the subject of the Spanish Minister, and the Mexican movement. Should the indication proposed to call my citizen to the stage, I should be happy to have it in view, in the event of a war, that I may be in a position to be of service to my country. If I succeed, I shall be, in my opinion, more than ever, in a position to be of service to my country, in the business of peace, and, if I fail, I shall be, in my opinion, in a position to be of service to my country, in the business of war. Having confined the matter to yself, I shall view with pleasure, a correspondence between us, which I have enumerated, you, and of which I have enumerated you, and of which I have enumerated you, and of which I have enumerated