

**Thomas Jefferson to James Madison, June 28, 1791,
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TO JAMES MADISON MAD. MSS.

Philadelphia June 28. 1791.

Dear Sir, —Yours of the 23d has been duly received. The parcel from the taylor will probably come safely by the stage. With respect to the edition of Hamilton More's book I took pains to satisfy myself of the best edition when I was in a better situation than I now am, to do it with success. The result was that the 6th edn. was the last published under the examination of the author, & that the subsequent editions, in order to cheapen them, had been so carelessly supervised as to be full of typographical errors in the tables. I therefore prefer waiting till I can get the 6th. I learned further that after the 6th edn. the author abandoned all attention to the work himself. I inclose you the pamphlet on the banks, and must trouble you to procure a pamphlet for me which is only in a private hand in N. York. This is a description of the Genisee country, but more particularly of Mr. Morris's purchase of Goreham & Phelps, in 4to, with a map.¹ It was printed in London under the agency of W. T. Franklin to captivate purchasers. There is no name to it. Colo Smith brought in 6 copies. If one of them can be drawn from him I should be very glad of it. Will you also be so good as to ask of him whether he can give me any information of the progress of the map of S. America, which he, at my request,

put into the hands of an engraver. The French proceedings against our tobo. & ships are very eccentric & unwise. With respect to the former, however, which you consider as a *commencement* of hostilities against the Brit. Navign. Act, it is only a continuation of

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the decision of the council of Berni, since which the importn. of tobo into France in any but American or French bottoms has been prohibited. The Spanish as well as English proceedings against our commerce are also serious. Nobody doubts here who is the author of *Publicola*, any more than of *Davila*. He is very indecently attacked in Brown's & Bache's papers. From my European letters I am inclined to think peace will take place between the

1 *An Account of the . . . Lands . . . in North America and particularly the Lands . . . known by the name of the Genisee Tract.* [n. p.]. 1791, written according to *Ludewig* by Dr. Myles Cooper, but more probably written by W. T. Franklin. The title is in *Sabin*, 26926.

Porte & Russia. The article which separates them is so minute that it will probably be got over, & the war is so unpopular in England that the ministers will probably make that an excuse to the K. of Prussia for not going all lengths with him. His only object is Thorn & Dantzic, & he has secretly intimated at Petersbg, that if he could be accommodated with this he would not be tenacious against their keeping Ozakoff. This has leaked out, & is working duly in Poland. I think the President will contrive to be on the road out of the reach of ceremony till after the 4th of July. Adieu, my dear sir.