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**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson, October 20, 1797, from Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe Correspondence, Transcribed and Edited by Gerard W. Gawalt, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress**

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Friday [October 20, 1797]

Jas. Monroe's best respects to Mr. Jefferson. He has lately been in Orange at Mr. Madisons, from whom he incloses him a letter. At Mr. Ms. he met Mr. Dawson lately from Richmond & who bade him inform Mr. Jefferson that if he takes the stage for Phila. from Frdbg. it will be necessary for him to be in the latter place on Tuesday next to arrive in time for the commencmt. of Congress, as it goes only three times a week: or indeed perhaps only twice. He adds the circumstance to view that it may be attended to move correctly than J.M. can inform. Mr. Dawson says that Mr. H. is given up whimsies-he has been as an immoral man; and that the ease with wh. he acknowledges himself an adulterer-inspires doubts that he was guilty of the other charge also. J.M. wod. ride up but that he has been much indisposed since his return. He will be glad to know when Mr. Jefferson sits out. He was informed by Mr. Madison that a certain paper which himself & W.. Nicholas left with him was for the purpose of its being modified, to avoid that objection wh. that trait in it exposed it to. J.M. supposed it was only to disguise the author, wh. cod. not be done without writing another, and which

ought not to be done. Upon this principle J.M. after examining it to find such parts as might be altered upon the principle on wh. he supposed it was left with him, returned it

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unaltered to W. Nicholas. But as now advised he readily undertakes the modification, and if in possession of Mr. Jefferson will thank him for it-of wh. he will be pleased inform him as he shall write W. N. for it this evening in case it is not.

Will Mr. Jefferson with Mr. Randolph & Mr. Eppes with their Ladies come some day before his departure & dine with J.M. & family; and will Sunday suit their convenience? or what day will be more suitable?

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