

**Thomas Jefferson to James Monroe, July 17, 1802, from  
Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe Correspondence,  
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Dear Sir

After writing you on the 15th I turned to my letter file to see what letters I had written to Callender & found them to have been of the dates of 1798 Oct 12 & 1799 Sep. 6 & oct. 6 but on looking for the letters they were not in their places nor to be found. On recollection I believe I sent them to you a year or two ago. If you have them I shall be glad to receive them at Monticello where I shall be on this day sennight. I inclose you a paper which shows the Torries mean to pervert these charities to Callender as much as they can. They will probably first represent me as the patron & support of the Prospect before us, & other things of Callenders, & then picking out all the scurrilities of that author against Genl. Washington , Mr. Adams & others impute them to me. I recal as most other republicans who were in the way of doing it, contributed what I could afford to the support of the republican papers & printers, paid sums of money for the Bee, the Albany register, &c. when they wee struggling under the Sedition law, contributed to the fines of Callender himself , of Holt, Brown & others suffering under that law. I discharged when I came into office, such as were under the persecution of our enemies, without instituting any prosecutions in retaliation. They may therefore with the same justice impute to me, or to every republican contributor, every thing which was ever published in those papers or by those persons. I must correct a fact in mine of the 15th. I find I did not inclose the

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50D to Callender himself while at Genl. Mason's, but authorised the Genl. to draw on my correspondt at Richmond and to give the money to Callender. So the other 50 D of which he speaks were by order on my correspondt. At Richmond. Accept assurances of my affectionate esteem & respect. Th. Jefferson

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