

## George Washington to Thomas Jefferson, March 14, 1792, from Thomas Jefferson and the National Capital. Edited by Saul K. Padover.

### Washington to Jefferson GEORGE WASHINGTON TO THOMAS JEFFERSON

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At the time Mr. Jeffersons letter to the President was put into his hands he was so much engaged as hardly to find time to read it. The general purport of it, however, he well recollects was agreeable to him but whether the following ideas if they are not already substantially expressed, might not with propriety be conveyed, Mr. Jefferson will judge of, and act accordingly.

That no farther movement on the part of Government, can ever be made towards Majr. L'Enfant without prostration, *which will not be done*. That the P—thinks himself insulted in the answer given to his Secretary, who was sent to him for the *express* purpose of removing some of his *unfounded* suspicions, viz “that he had already heard enough of this matter.”

No farther overtures will *ever* be made to this Gentn. by the Government; in truth it would be useless, for in proportion as attempts have been made to accommodate what *appeared* to be his wishes,

he has receded from his own ground. If therefore his conduct should change and a reinstatement of him is desired, the *only* way to effect it is by a direct application to the Commissioners.

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