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**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson, August 19,  
1820, from Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe  
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Aug. 19. 1820

Dear Sir

A man of whom I heard you speak lately, as a gardener to whom you had rented some land below be called with Mr. Price some days since to rent a piece of my land on my saw mill stream. Finding that he was the person of whom you spoke, I observ'd that unless I knew that you consider'd him at liberty to treat with another I could have nothing to say to him. He promised

to produce that evidence. To day he called again & on my asking for it, he observ'd that as I had given him no promise, he might by relinquishing his home with you, lose both objects. I told him that I would communicate with you myself, after which I would give him an answer.

As he professes to be a gardener you may wish to retain him. If you do, I can easily give him an answer, that will be satisfactory to him which I shall most willingly do, in compliance with your desire.

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The Emperor of Russia has instructed his minister at all the European courts to make known his disapprobation of the movment in Spain, which he calls a suite of the French revolution. The reply given at St. Petersburg to the note announcing the establishment of the constitution of 1812 is decidedly to that effect. In terms very distinct, tho' sufficiently kind, he regrets the want of firmness & energy in the king of Spain, which he seems to anticipate will be productive of

much mischeif.

With great respect & regard yours James Monroe

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