

Andrew Jackson to William Donelson (1795-1864)

Washington February 6th. 1832

Dr. Sir,

I wrote you some time since on the subject of Samuel & Alexanders Lots of land which had been proposed for sale, and my son had a wish, as it was to be sold, to buy, having made an exchange with Thomas.<sup>1</sup> I informed you in my letter that I would buy these two lots, giving for each, fifteen hundred dollars, paying for Samls. (as I found that was wanted for Mr G. Martin) the sum of fifteen hundred dollars on the first day of april next, and the same sum for Alexanders Lot, on the 25th. of December next. If it would be a convenience to you, & Mr John Donelson, I would let you have the note for \$500 payable in the B. Bank at Nashville in august next—the payment of which is guranteed by Doctor Butler.<sup>2</sup> This is for my stud Colt by Stockholder, sold by Mr Steel agreable to my directions & for which he holds the note—& a note on Capt Stockly Donelson and others for \$312, being due this spring for the stud colt by Sir William, out of the cotton mare, This last note is ~~here & will be taken out~~ at home & will be delivered to you in the spring by my son.<sup>3</sup> I am assured by Doctor Butler that the mony will be punctually paid, that the obligors are good & punctual men. I wish you to call on Steel for a sight of this note, and if you think proper to take it in part, you can do so—the ballance at Christmas.

The object of this letter is, to be informed whether you will let me have Saml Lot, for the sum proposed & Alexanders for my son—it is time I should have notice whether I have to pay the \$1500 on the first of april next, if so, it is necessary that I should make arrangements to meet it punctually. I have no controle of my expences here, therefore is this information to me important. Therefore I shall expect to hear from you on the receipt of this, and your positive determination on this subject. If you say, I shall get the land, say whether you prefer the mony sent to the Bank at Nashville, or whether you will draw upon

me here—choose for yourself. I would prefer paying it here, but I give you the choice.

Write me positively whether you agree to my proposition or not, and that on the receipt of this letter.

you will have seen the rejection of Van Buren by the opposition faction in the senate—all our representation but one (Arnold) since the rejection has come boldly out for Van Buren for vice President.<sup>4</sup> There never has in the U. States a greater excitement. Clays vote made it a tie, and Calhoun gave the casting vote against him. This has politically finished both. Poindexter wielded by *Branch*, with Moor of Alabama voted against him. The insult was to the Executive, and the injury to our national character, and to all Europe and the people seem determined to put Van Buren in the Seat of him who consumated the disgrace of our national character. This is what I know of Calhoun Ingham Branch & Berrien from the first dawn of the conspiracy against Major Eaton to destroy me. This *now*, every one knows & admits. Still Moor & Poindexter, say they are Jackson men—but are wielded by Calhoun against the administration where their vote can injure it away with such hypocrites. The people of Alabama & Mississippi will settle this account with them

Present my kind salutations to Elisabeth to your mother Stockly & family to Mr and all the connection, & to my good neighbours.<sup>5</sup> We all enjoy good health. I am much employed, have no time to write to friends, or on business, & no time to correct this. I wrote you my great desire to have your opinion of my (citizen) stud colt by Stockholder his appearance & size—of my Sir William guelding, and my Sir William stud colt out of the oscar filly, & the rest of my blood stock, but suppose you have not time, & Mr Steel is bad at description. I am very respectfully your friend

Andrew Jackson