

Andrew Jackson to William Cocke, June 24, 1798, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO WILLIAM COCKE.1

1 Copy. Col. William Cocke was U. S. senator from Tennessee 1796–1805.

Nashville, June 24, 1798

Sir, Your making publick my private and confidential letter and making use of it to impress on the publick mind that I had wrote that letter in order to deceive you, and further publishing to the world that I had acted the double part with you in your election for Senator, are such injuries as require satisfaction, the information which you have attempted to justify those charges and ground the publicity of my letter upon having upon investigation proved to be false, Justice calls aloud for redress.

Knowing the falsity of the charges you have utter'd against me and sensibly feeling the injury you intended me by making publick my letter, I call upon you as a gentleman to make such a reparation of the injury you have done me as the nature of the case requires, or to meet and give me such satisfaction as is due from one Gentleman to another for such injuries. the Gentleman who will hand you this is authorised to transact the business on my part.

I am Sr Yr Huml St.