

**James Monroe to Andrew Jackson, January 24, 1821,  
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**PRESIDENT MONROE TO JACKSON.**

Washington, January 24, 1821.

*Dear Sir,* You will hear from other friends the proceedings of Congress, on the principle of Oeconomy, respecting the reduction of the army.<sup>1</sup> On that subject therefore I need say nothing.

<sup>1</sup> *Annals of Congress*, 16 Cong., 2 sess., cols. 932–934 (House).

We expect daily the treaty from Spain ceding Florida, ratified by her govt. In that event, will you accept the govt. of the territory? The climate will suit you, and it will give me pleasure to place you in that trust. Let me hear from you, as soon as possible, as the arrangement must be made, during the present session of Congress, which will terminate, as you know, on the 3d of march. You declin'd it when I saw you,<sup>2</sup> but perhaps, further reflection may reconcile the measure to you. with the best regards of my whole family to you and mrs Jackson I am very sincerely your friend and servant

<sup>2</sup> In 1819.