

Samuel Delucenna Ingham to Andrew Jackson, June 7, 1831, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

SECRETARY INGHAM TO JACKSON.

Washington, June 7, 1831.

Sir, On my return this evening from an excursion to Annapolis, I found on my table a note¹ from you on business in which you have been pleased to designate me as “acting Secretary of the Treasury”, as I have received no “acting” appointment, this note suggests a form and tenure of Office, as I apprehend wholly unknown to the Law, and having been adopted on this occasion for the first time it indicates a new official relation which deeming to be illegal I cannot consent to make myself responsible for by continuing to perform the duties of the Treasury Dept under that character.

I have the honor to be