

Andrew Jackson to John Campbell et al., June 22, 1831, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO COLONEL JOHN CAMPBELL, MAJOR THOMAS L. SMITH, DR. PHILIP G. RANDOLPH, AND MAJOR WILLIAM B. LEWIS.

Washington, June 22, 1831.

Messhrs. Col Campbell, Treasurer; Major Smith, Register; Doctor Randolph, acting Secretary of War; and Major Lewis, second auditor.

Gentlemen : I have this moment received the inclosed letter from Mr Ingham, dated the 21rst instant, and having immediately, on its recpt. sent to ask an interview with him, I find he had left the city before, it reached me. I wish you to state to me, if you, or either of you, have had any agency or participation, and if any, to what extent, in the alleged misconduct imputed in his letter herewith enclosed.

I surely have been deceived in your characters if you are capable of so far forgetting the responsibilities of your stations as to participate in the reprehensible conduct charged. To the serious charges contained in mr Ingham's letter, which gave me the first information that I have had of his dificulties, I wish you to give a prompt and explicit answer,¹

¹ Each of the gentlemen denied the charges made by Ingham. Eaton however published a card in the *Globe* saying that since Ingham had failed to meet him in a duel he had tried to meet him on the streets in order that he might administer "such treatment as I thought his conduct deserved". He said he had not laid siege to Ingham's house nor asked nor had the

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assistance of anyone in his vigils. The *Telegraph* said that two of the men addressed were Eaton's brothers-in-law.

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