

**Andrew Jackson to Andrew Jackson, Jr., April 25, 1832,  
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**TO ANDREW JACKSON, JR.**

Washington, April 25, 1832.

*My D'r Andrew,* Your hasty note from Wheeling has this moment been recd. I was very solicitous to hear from you, and am happy to hear that you are all in good health, and spirits, and over the fatiguing part of your Journey, and I trust to the superintending care of a kind providence that he will in health and safety land you at the Hermitage. The late fatal accident of the burning of the steamer on the Mississippi with the loss of so many valuable lives has occasioned great solicitude for your safety down the river, but that providence that protects and prese[r]ves you on land, will protect you on the water—still it has and will increase my anxiety until I hear of your safe arrival at home.

I have this morning recd. two letters from Mr Steel one of which I inclose you, the other being on the subject of the colts which he informs would set out with three boys on the 16th instant and gives the opinion of Alexander and Dunwoody, that they are first rate animals. he has sent Byron on as one of the boys. The letter of Mr Steels which I inclose is for the purpose that you may have it, and compare it, with others, on the settlement with him. you will find in his account that he acknowledges a ballance due me of the money recd for articles sold from the farm of twenty or thirty dollars, and, in one of his letters he says “so soon as he receive his money for his wages from Mr Nichol, he will leave in his hands, or pay him the one hundred and fifty dollars which he recd. from the sale of the pair of horses and Carryall. I bring this subject to your particular notice that you may have a fair settlement with him. His various, and different statements at different times may proceed

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from ignorance rather than from any other cause. having a blacksmith, it was a great want of oeconomy to buy single plows. fourteen plows to be bought, with the number on the farm is an extravagance in which I would not permit any overseer to indulge. You must now attend to these things. Your interest and that of your family *now* require it.

Deliver the inclosed to my D'r Sarah with my kind respects to Emma, and with kind salutations to all my good neighbours believe me your affe[c]ti[o]nate father. give my respects to Mr Steel, and say to him I will write him soon. tell all the servants how do you.  
yours in haste