

Robert Armstrong to Andrew Jackson, November 4, 1834, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

COLONEL ROBERT ARMSTRONG TO JACKSON.

Nashville, November 4, 1834.

Dear Genl. I have recd. your two favours of 23d and 24. of October in relation to the burning of the Hermitage House. I saw your son Yesterday and we will in a few days have the repairs under way, he has been very industrious and has all the timbers nearly Out (Joice Rafter etc. etc. etc.) a Contract will be made, With One person for the Whole repairs or seperately with the *Carpenter, Plasterer and Painter*, takeing a Contract from each, and 2500 or 3000 will Compleate the whole Work. I can get the Tin Plate for the covering and stand yours Over in its place On the Arrival from New Orleans.

Your Son and Daughter have before this Written you the loss and injury of the furniture. I understand it is verry Inconsiderable. I think Mrs Jackson will Perhaps go on with Mjr. Lewis, Tho, I think both hur and Mrs. Donelson had *better* Wait for a Steam Boat. Mr Lewis thinks that the Stories of the House should be made Higher. I think it would be an improvement and add very much to the appearance of the House, the expence would be nothing. if this is done and put On a good roof their can be no Danger. . . .