

Andrew Jackson to Andrew Jackson, Jr., November 27, 1834, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO ANDREW JACKSON, JR.

Washington, November 27, 1834.

My D'r son, Last night half past 11 oclock P.M. your dear Sarah and major Lewis with the charming little ones reached me all in good health, the children in fine health, sarah somewhat debilitated, and a little complaining. I gave her a dose of medicine and she is quite lively this morning and able to go a shopping to repair the loss of her wardrobe by the burning. the first thing my dear little Rachel said to me was, grandpa the great fire burnt my bonnet, and the big owl tryed to kill Poll, but papa killed the owl. She is very sprightly, and the son is a beautiful and fine boy. I am happy they are safe with me and hasten to communicate to you the happy event. I have to day my Cabinet with me and cannot now say any more. Let me hear from you often, and upon the pressing points I have wrote you. Recollect that cotton is now a high price in markt, and the sooner ours gets there and sold the better, if we can get 15/100 for it pr lb. it will free us, with my other means, from pressure or incumbrance from debt.

Your bill in favor of Mr Nichol was presented yesterday, honored, and paid, and herein inclosed. I regret that all Mr Nichols bills are sent to the United States branch here to collect, and the moment my check is given on the Metropolis Bank, it being the deposit bank, Mr Smith draws the specie, and will take a check upon the Philadelphia Banks—hereafter make your arrangements, if you can, for the payment to be made to some other than the president or cashier of the branch of the U.S. here as it may be thought that I am aiding to drain the deposit bank of its specie, to aid the U.S. Bank, breaking the deposit

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Bank here. metropolis Bank is strong in specie and cannot be hurt, but I do not like to give room for the imputation of my friends to say I was lending my means to drain the deposit Bank of its specie to aid the monster that was trying to destroy me.

I will write you fully the first leisure and I trust you will not expose yourself to wet, or do any thing that may impair your health, but will hasten all the arrangements necessary to be made and unite with us at as early a period thereafter as you can. Sarah and the sweet little ones sends you a kiss, *I will take care of them* until you Join us.

with affectionate salutations