

Andrew Jackson to Andrew Jackson, Jr., March 29, 1836, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO ANDREW JACKSON, JR.

Washington, March 29, 1836.

My son, your letter from Memphis reached us this morning and we are delighted to hear of your continued health and progress and that you will soon reach your journey's end. We have just received two letters from Col Armstrong of the 17th and 18th instant informing us of the loss of our furniture by the burning of the steam Boat *Randolph*. What part of our furniture has been lost by this burning, we do not know, nor can Col Armstrong inform us. You have the bills of lading and the nos. of the boxes and bales by which you will be enabled to discover and inform us. Your dear Sarah on my request has written you upon this subject, which I hope you will attend to as early as possible, and send on a memorandum that we may endeavour to have them replaced and forwarded, when you and Sarah goes on thro the canal to Pittsburgh and thence to Nashville.

This catastrophe will make it necessary that I should have more means, and in one of my letters said to you to enquire whether the tract in the western District, or part of it, could be sold, and for what. You told me some time ago, that there was a man that would give five dollars per acre, for 400 acres. if you can get that for it in cash, I authorise you to sell it. You can with truth say that I had declined taking that offer for it, because it was too low, but the burning of my house, and now my furniture, makes it necessary for me to sell—
attend to this my son.

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Our dear little ones, sarah has told you about, the little dear boy andrew was a little unwell last night, is better and sarah and the two dear children salute you with a kiss, and I add my prayers for your continued health and speedy return to us.

I see the Nashville Banner filled with letters from hear of the most abominable falshoods, such as I have abused Col Polk, and Camberling for not attacking Wise etc. etc.—this you may say to Mr. Hall, that *little hireling of Bells* , to lie for him, or to publish his letters, is as base a lie as was published in the Republican about Grundys speeches which I have nailed to counter as a base falshood, and have the documents to prove it so, and when I reach Nashville I will make him and all the letter writers in Washington notorious for their falshoods published about me. This you may say to every one, but this letter you are not to shew to any one. Write us soon about the furniture, your journey and success, about our family and farm.

In haste your affectionate father, be not uneasy about your dear little family, I will take care of them.