

**Andrew Jackson to Francis Preston Blair, June 5, 1839,
from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by
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class=MsoNormal>TO FRANCIS P. BLAIR.

Hermitage, June 5, 1839.

. . . . I sincerely thank you for the correction of that unwarrantable statement on oath of Old Ringgold. 1 There never was more gross falshoods than he has stated. Governeer had my deposition taken. But as it did not suit him and give the negative to all which it appears Ringgold has deposed to, Mr. Butler writes me he Governeer would not produce it.?What a sett of Villians we were surrounded with in Washington—fair exteriors with daggers in their hearts. no wonder then that the confiding Barry fell a victim to their treachery and dishonesty. Even Mayo, that the secretary of war and myself kept literally from starving, under the appearence of friendship, purloined my confidential letter, handed it to Adams to do me an injury. This will recoil upon these confederate scamps heads, I hope. Say to my friend Key to spare them not as the receiver of stolen goods is as bad as the thief.

1 Tench Ringgold's deposition of Feb. 14, 1826, apparently the one here referred to, may be found in Writings of James Monroe , VII. 306–309.

I have convayed to Major Donelson your message. The major when he gets through the engagements on hand with his colts will sell out and 0041 17 break up his training establishment, having run his stock into credit will breed to sell.

Please present my respects to major Noland and say to him I have received his letter, have had my pen in hand to answer it but company has interfered to prevent it, and the

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late affliction in my head renders me at least half my time unable to write. I will write him soon. the little ones with sarah and Andrew send their kind regards to him.

We look forward with pleasing anticipations of seeing you and your dear wife and daughter at the Hermitage next September, when me and my Houshold can congratulate you on the success of the Republican cause, and your sure prospects of election as printer to the House of Representatives, and a good Democrat as Speaker, 2 my whole houshold unite in kind salutations to you and yours.

2 Blair and Rives were elected printers, R. M. T. Hunter, Speaker, by the House in the Twenty-sixth Congress. See Correspondence of John C. Calhoun , pp. 436–440.

With our kind regards to the President and all the heads of Departments with best wishes for their triumph over their caluminators, I remain your friend