

Sir,

In Council February 4<sup>th</sup> 1800.

The General Assembly of this Commonwealth has been long desirous of settling the boundary line of this State and the State of Tennessee. With this view it passed a resolution at its last Session of which I have the honor to enclose you a Copy. You will perceive that our assembly pursues this object with zeal on the most just and liberal principles; such as always should influence the Councils of Sister States, members of a Republican Union, whose several Governments are founded on the sovereignty of the People. I have full confidence we shall find a correspondent spirit prevail with you. In obedience to this resolution it became the duty of the Executive to appoint three Commissioners to meet Commissioners to be appointed by the State of Tennessee to settle said boundary line which duty, was immediately performed on its part. By the advice of the Council of State, I have appointed General Joseph Martin, Fred Taylor and Andrew Moore, Citizens of known merit, to this important trust, and shall instruct them to proceed in the discharge of its duty, as soon as I shall be advised

advised by you, that correspondent measures are taken on  
the part of Tennessee.

I have the honor to be

With great respect, yours most

Obedient Servant.

JAS MONROE

His Excellency

The Governor

of the State of

Tennessee.