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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE J. MSS. (JAMES MADISON.)

Washington, Mar. 26, 1801.

I am still here. Three refusals of the naval secretaryship have been received, and I am afraid of receiving a 4th this evening from Mr. Jones of Phila. In that case Genl. Smith has agreed to take it *pro tempore* so as to give me time; and I hope the moment it is in either his or Jones's hands, to get away; but this may be yet three four or five days. Lincoln is doing the duties of your office. He and Dearborn will remain here. Health, respect & affectionate attachment.