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Dolley Madison, wife of James Madison, letter to President Andrew Jackson about the death of her husband, founding father and former President James Madison. Dated September 2, 1836.

Dolley Madison

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Finished draft, signed and
post-dated Sept. 2^d as below

To the President of the United States.

August 20, 1836

I received, Sir in due time, your letter conveying to me the Resolutions Congress were pleased to adopt on the occasion of the death of my beloved Husband, a communication made the more grateful by the kind expression of your sympathy which it contained.

The high and just estimation of my husband by my countrymen & friends, and their generous participation in the sorrow occasioned by our irretrievable loss (expressed thro' their supreme authorities, and otherwise) are the only solace of which my heart is susceptible on the departure of him who had never lost sight of that consistency, symmetry & beauty of character ^{in all its parts,} which secured to him the love and admiration of his Country & which must ever be the subject of peculiar & tender reverence to one whose happiness was derived from their daily and constant exercise.

The best return I can make for the sympathy of my country is to fulfil the sacred trust his confidence reposed in me - that of placing before it and the world what his pen prepared for their use - a legacy the importance of which is deeply impressed on my mind.

With great respect &c &c
(signed) D. P. Madison.

Montpellier Sept. 2. 36.

written to
Andrew Jackson

Facsimile of
Original draft

To the President of the United States.

Montpelier

July 10. 1836

~~conveying~~ I received, soon in due time ~~the communication~~
from Congress, much more grateful to me by the kind
expression of your sympathy, which accompanied it;

The high and just estimation of my
Husband, by my countrymen and friends, and their generous
participation in the sorrow, occasioned by our irretrievable
loss, expressed through its supreme Authority, and otherwise
is the only solace of which my heart is susceptible, in the departure
of him, who had never lost sight of that consistency, symmetry and
beauty of character in all its parts, which rendered his trans-
cendent as a whole, and worthy of the best aspirations.

I am now preparing to execute the Trust
his confidence reposed in me - that of placing before Congress
and the World, what his pen had prepared for their
use, and with the importance of this Legacy, I am deeply
impressed

With great respect and

D. P. Madison