

Jefferson to Tench Coxe

Dear Sir,

Monticello June 1. 1795.

I received a few days ago only your favor of Mar. 20 accompanied by the Collection of your papers lately printed, for which I cordially thank you. it will enable me to turn with more convenience to pieces which I consult with pleasure & instruction.

I congratulate you on the successes of our two allies. those of the Hollanders are new, and therefore pleasing. it proves there is a god in heaven, and that he will not slumber without end on the iniquities of tyrants, or would-be tyrants, as their Stadtholder. This ball of liberty, I believe most piously, is now so well in motion that it will roll round the globe, at least the enlightened part of it, for light & liberty go together. it is our glory that we first put it into motion, & our happiness that being foremost we had no bad examples to follow. what a tremendous obstacle to the future attempts at liberty will be the atrocities of Robespierre!

We are enjoying a most seasonable spring after a winter which had greatly injured our small grain. nothing can give us a great crop. I doubt if it can be made even a good one. our first hay-cutting (clover) begins to-day, this may mark to you the difference of your seasons & ours. my clover in common upland fields which were never manured will yeild 1500.lb to the acre at this cutting, which I consider as an encouraging beginning. I take the liberty of asking your care of two letters, both of them of importance. I have not inclosed Monroe, either to our office of foreign affairs, or the Minister of France, because I thought you might possibly find a safer channel than either. it requires safety & secrecy. but adopt either of those channels, if you think them the best.

I am with much affection Dear Sir, Your friend & sevt.

Th. Jefferson