

*Lia.ville, Dec. 15, 1802.*

MR. SMITH,

Having observed in your last paper the publication of a copy of a letter from the Hon. Albert Gallatin to myself, which it appears you had extracted from the *Monitor*, and which is so incorrectly printed as to render it almost unintelligible---I am induced to forward you a correct copy, and to request its insertion in your next.

The copy published in the *Monitor* must have been obtained from one of the clerks of the general assembly, before which, copies of the original were laid, and whether the incorrectness is with either of them, or the printer, I cannot say, but it is so palpably erroneous, I trust you will think with me, that in justice to Mr. Gallatin, it ought to be re-published. I am, &c.

G. R. CLAYTON.

*Copy of a letter from the Hon. Albert Gallatin, to George R. Clayton, Secretary to the Executive Department of Georgia.*

*Treasury Department, Sept. 8, 1802.*

SIR—I had the honor to receive your letter of the 12th ult. enclosing a statement of the monies which have been withdrawn from what is called the “Yazoo Deposit.”

The United States being now, in consequence of their agreement with the state of Georgia, placed in the same relation towards the “Yazoo claimants,” in which the state formerly stood, it is of importance that they should be furnished with such documents or information, in possession of the state, as may enable them fully to repel improper claims, or, if congress shall think it most eligible to make a compromise, as will assist in rendering such compromise as advantageous to the public as circumstances will admit.

On that account, the commissioners on the part of the United States, whose duty it is to make a full statement to congress at their next session, of the nature, extent, and present situation of all claims derived, or pretended to be derived from Georgia, are desirous of obtaining from the state, the copies of the laws under which the sums specified in the statement you inclosed were withdrawn, and also the particular evidence under which each sum was paid to the applicants. I will, therefore, thank you to communicate and transmit to this department, or to the Secretary of State, such transcripts as are necessary for that purpose, as well as every other information relative to the formation and subsequent modifications of the several companies, which you will consider as calculated to throw light on the subject.

I regret that the illness of the governor should be the cause which prevented his writing, and from a fear that the same reason may continue to operate, have directed this letter to you.

I have the honor to be, &c.