

will excite no sympathy among those who are at all in the secret of our connection.

I have the honor to be,

Sir, your obedient servant, &c. &c.

(Signed)

J. HENRY.

*To James Monroe, esquire,
Secretary of State.*

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Mr. Ryland, Secretary to Sir James Craig, Governor General of Canada, to Mr. Henry.

Most secret and confidential.

QUEBEC, January 26, 1809.

MY DEAR SIR,

THE extraordinary situation of things at this time in the neighbouring states, has suggested to the governor in chief, the idea of employing you on a secret and confidential mission to Boston, provided an arrangement can be made to meet the important end in view, without throwing an absolute obstacle in the way of your professional pursuits. *The information and political observations heretofore received from you, were transmitted by his excellency to the secretary of state, who has expressed his particular approbation of them; and there is no doubt that your able execution of such a mission as I have above suggested, would give you claim, not only on the governor general, but on his majesty's ministers, which might eventually contribute to your advantage. You will have the goodness therefore to acquaint me, for*