

## To William Berkeley Lewis

City of Washington  
Fbry 14th. 1825

Dear Major

I am informed this day by Colo. R[ichard] M[entor] Johnston of the Senate<sup>1</sup> that Mr Clay has been offerred the office of Sec of State, and that he will accept it Mr Clay told Colo. J the above—so you see the *Judas* of the West has closed the contract and will receive the thirty pieces of silver—his end will be the same. was there ever witnessed such a bare faced corruption in any country before—The *Senate*, (if this Nomination is sent to it) will do its duty—No imputation will be left at its door.<sup>2</sup> we will soon be with you, farewell.

Andrew Jackson

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1. Johnson (1780–1850), later vice-president under Martin Van Buren, was from Kentucky.

2. On March 5, Adams sent Clay's nomination as secretary of state to the Senate, and the Senate confirmed two days later, with AJ one of fourteen senators opposing.