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Respected sir: You are about to retire from the helm of a beloved country and independent nation which you have steered with truth and patriotism when the peace of our country was disturbed you hasten to prevent further hostility your measures which our government took to court peace with the bellicose powers of Europe is disregarded and our ministers in London and Paris is grossly insulted I hope as long as the blessed Sun shines on us we will preserve our independence which our forefathers dearly bought with their blood and I hope that every true American will pledge themselves and property to save their country from the yoke of a foreign nation and I sincerely hope whoever takes your chair will follow your example for the welfare of our country let no man charges you with dishonour after your retirement as every true American patriot knows your principle the darst not I have but one more remark to make with sincere Regret that traitors goes unpunished in our country at present when your lamp of life is extinguished may your old grey hairs sink down in the grave with peace and happiness forever I hope that your excellency will
Consider these few lines worthy of any answer.

I remain yours with high respect.

John Monacho