

In testimony to be
administered to his Excellency
The President U. S.

Not to be transmitted

Answers to Interrogatories

1. Interrogatory -

I recollect that Dr. Weston called on me at the time mentioned with a letter from Mr. Bush.

2. I recollect that Dr. Weston asked another interview, which I gave him on the same, on the subject of the first.

3. In the second interview, Dr. Weston used his claim to an appointment in the medical staff at Phil^a, in which, he spoke of the objections which the Secretary of the Navy, had suggested to it.

4. I think it probable that Dr. Weston, made the remarks stated, & that I may have observed generally that justice ought to be done in all cases.

5. It is impossible that I should recollect, all the details, of the conversations, in which I am necessarily engaged. I remember having conversed with Mr. Bush relative to Dr. Weston's claim, & the interest he took in the Dr.'s welfare. In promising to speak to the Secretary of the Navy on the subject, & in so far as I presume I did, my object could be no other, than to make myself acquainted with the merits of the case.

that the proper order might be given in it.

6th I think it probable that I did speak to the
- ecology of the navy on the subject, but have
no distinct recollection of what passed. nor
do I remember, to have given, any order in the
case.

7th I do not recollect that any thing was said,
to the effect, stated in this interrogatory.

8th I think that Dr Barton, complained of
having been injured, by the arrangement,
which had been made.

9th I have no recollection, to enable me to give
an answer, affirmative or negative to this
interrogatory.

10th Mr Bush took much interest in favor
of Dr Barton, of whose merit, as a young man,
he spoke in explicit terms. My own im-
pression was, also favorable, to him, proceed-
ing from what Mr Bush had said, from
my great respect from some of his relatives
distinguished for their literary attainments,
& the interest I took in the welfare of his
mother. My impression, now, is, that the
Doctor used his claim, in his observations
to me, with delicacy towards his opponent,

and modesty as to himself.

25th I have no recollection of any other fact
or circumstance touching this affair, except
that, I believe, the copy of the letter, attached to
the interrogatories, impudently to Mr. Smith, is
a correct copy of that to me.

James Monroe

Washington
July 13. 1818.

Washington Feb'y 14. 1818

Dear Sir

I enclose you my answer to the inter-
rogatories sent me sometime since, relating to
certain charges exhibited against Dr. Barton, in
the trial depending in Phila. When I wrote
^{you} before on this subject, I had so indistinct a
recollection, of what had passed, in my inter-
view with him, or with others, concerning
him, that I was persuaded, I could state no-
thing, that would have any influence on the
trial. I am not aware, that what I have
stated, will have any, but I have not hesi-
tated to give such answers, to the several inter-
rogatories, as I have been able. I should have
done this sooner, but for the accident, of the
interrogatories having been mislaid.

with great respect & esteem yours

James Monroe



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