

**Andrew Jackson to John Morrell, January 2, 1807, from  
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**TO JOHN MORRELL.**

Hermitage, January 2, 1807

you will proceed without delay to the mouth of Cumberland, by the rout of Springfield, at Springfield deliver the letter addressed to Genl Thomas Johnston to Colo. Cheaton, with a request, that he without delay hand it to the Genl. Then proceed on to the mouth of Cumberland, If there are an assemblage of Boats there, make your observations, with respect to the number of men how armed, and if any, what quantity of military stores on board, and as you make the observations commit them to writing. Should there be no Boats, at the mouth, proceed on to Fort Massac, and if there are an assemblage of Boats there make the same observations as above. If Boats have been there, and have departed deliver the letter to Capt Bissle, receive his answer and information and return without delay, and report your observations to me. Despatch is necessary and it is expected, you will with all possible speed return after performing the duty. I am Sir with due respect