

William Charles Cole Claiborne to Andrew Jackson, February 24, 1815, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

GOVERNOR CLAIBORNE TO JACKSON.

New Orleans, February 24, 1815.

The undersigned, the Governor of the State of Louisiana, presents his respects to major General Jackson Commanding the 7th military District, and informs him, how desirable it is, that such of the militia of this State, whose services can safely be dispensed with, be early discharged. Independent of the Convenience of such discharge to Fathers of families (for the call of the militia en masse has brought many into the field) on whose personal Labour the present year, will depend the Cultivation of their little Farms, the undersigned brings to the view of the Major General the neglected Condition of the Levees on the Mississippi, and which if not soon attended to, there will, on the rise of the River, be no security against the Inundation of the lower part of the State. The undersigned hopes that the ratification by the President and Senate of the United States, of the Treaty of Peace said to have been concluded at Ghent, (and of which Ratification we may expect advices in a few days) will do away the necessity of detaining in service any portion of the Militia of Louisiana; But in the mean time, he persuades himself, that the several Detachments, *of the militia en masse*, now stationed in the several *Interior Parishes of the State*, may immediately be dispensed with without endangering the public security. The undersigned expresses on this occasion, the wishes of his fellow Citizens, and he knows how much their interest, will be promoted, by the adoption of the measure, which he suggests.

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The undersigned tenders to Major General Jackson, the assurances of his high Consideration.