

Charles K. Blanchard to Andrew Jackson, March 20, 1815, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

CHARLES K. BLANCHARD TO JACKSON.

New Orleans, March 20, 1815.

Sir. I have the honor agreeably to your request, to state to your Excellency in writing the substance of a conversation that occurred between Quarter Master Peddie of the British Army and myself on the 11th Inst on board his Britannic Majesty's Ship Herald. Quarter Master Peddie observed that the Comdg Officers of the British forces were daily in the receipt of every information from the City of New Orleans which they might require in aid of their operations for the completion of the objects of the expedition. That they were perfectly acquainted with the situation of every part of our forces the manner in which the same was situated the number of our fortifications, their strength positions etc. As regards the Battery erecting on the left Bank of the Mississippi, he described its situation, its distance from the Main Post, and promptly offered me a plan of the works. He furthermore stated that the above information was received from seven or eight persons in the city of New Orleans from whom he could at any hour, procure any information necessary to the promotion of his Majesty's interest.

I am very respectfully

[Sworn to and accepted as true by the said Blanchard, March 29, 1815.]