

Hatch Dent to Andrew Jackson, January 11, 1815, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

HATCH DENT TO JACKSON.

New Orleans, January 11, 1815.

General, I am directed by the joint committee of the General Assembly of this State to send to your Excellency the annexed documents numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4, 1 by which you will be informed of the steps taken by said committee since your Letter of the 6th Instant in order to procure the attendance and deposition of Colonel Alexander Declouet relative to the military measures executed on the 28th of December last against said General Assembly.

1 Only one of these documents seems to be preserved and that, an order from H. Dent, chairman, to Col. Alexander Declouet, Jan. 7, 1815, in the following words:

“ *Sir*. By virtue of the joint resolution of both Houses of the Legislature of the state of Louisiana passed on the 5th Instant a copy of which will be shewn to you, you are hereby summoned to be and appear before the committee appointed in consequence of said resolution, at the Government House on monday morning at nine o’Clock, then and there to answer such questions as may be put to you relative to the military measures taken and executed against said Legislature on the 28th of December last.”

By document No. 4 which is a true translation and copy of a Letter of said Declouet to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the 7th Instant, and referred to the aforesaid committee, your Excellency will see that unless you please to issue, or cause to issue the proper order to said Colonel Declouet it will be very difficult for the committee to procure

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his attendance before them, which attendance as your Excellency will readily discover from the contents of his Letter is absolutely necessary. I am in consequence directed by the Committee to request your Excellency to have the goodness to issue or cause to be issued the above mentioned order to the said Declouet to appear before the Committee on to-morrow at 5 o'Clock P. M.

I have the honour to be