

**John Lambert to Andrew Jackson, January 20, 1815,  
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**MAJOR-GENERAL JOHN LAMBERT TO JACKSON.**

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*Sir*, Mr. Celestin Chiapella the bearer of this, is a Person, whom, previous to the British Force making a movement on the night of the 10th I had from some particular circumstances thought right to detain for a few days. I shall send him back tomorrow and I have requested him to deliver this, the object of which is too acquaint you that to my great surprise, I found on reaching my Head Quarters, that a considerable number of Slaves had assembled there under the idea of emba[r]king with the army. Ev[e]ry pains has been taken to persuade them to remain peaceably at home and Mr. Celestin has taken with him those that chose to return with him, and the remainder will be given to any proprietors that may claim them and sending a Person who may have influence with them as soon as possible will be the readiest mode and I will add evry facility to their being sent back.

I have the Honor to be Sir