

## William Charles Cole Claiborne to Andrew Jackson, January 12, 1815, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### GOVERNOR CLAIBORNE TO JACKSON.

New Orleans, January 12, 1815.

*Sir*, Brigadier General McCausland with his Detachment from Chifunete,<sup>1</sup> has been ordered to the West Bank of the Mississippi, where from General Morgans Morning Report, it would seem they are much wanting. I am sorry also to observe by this report, (of which I learn a Duplicate has been sent you) the deficiency in Arms, arising in part, I suspect, from the shameful flight on the 8th Instant.<sup>2</sup> General Toledo my volunteer aid, has Just returned from the other side, and informs me that General morgan is busily engaged in mounting some heavy pieces of cannon, and which he adds is the more necessary to encounter a Battery which the *Enemy is raising nearly opposite* . I shall on this Evening, probably, but certainly on Tomorrow, cross the River myself, and will do all in my power to excite in officers, and men, a Rival ship in Exertion, Zeal and firmness. I regret exceedingly, that it is not in my power, to devote my attention exclusively to the opposite shore; But the long *session of the Legislature* now drawing to a close, renders for the moment my presence in the city, *occasionally* , indispensable. I am Sir

1 Tchifonte, on Lake Pontchartrain.

2 See Jackson to Brigadier-General Morgan, Jan. 8, 1815, p. 135, n. 1, *ante*.

Very Respectfully