

Andrew Jackson to Edward Livingston, May 17, 1815, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO EDWARD LIVINGSTON.

Nashville, May 17, 1815.

D'r Sir: I reached this place on the evening of the 15th instant neither Mrs. Jackson or myself in good health and had the pleasure of receving your verry friendly letter of the 20th ult., for which receive my thanks. I am happy to hear that tranquility and harmony prevades your city, and the wicked labours of the little malicious *knot* , has not disturbed the social harmony of the great body of your citizens. Such attempts as has been made by these traitors to the best interest of their country will always bring upon their authors general contempt. The feeble attempt to prop his Excellency by his body guard has shewn how few are his suporters, and I am happy to find that the good sense of your citizens will not permit them to live in popular favour by faction.

major Reid is not with me at present, I this day write him to meet me here next monday, when every thing that can be procured, to afford you information on every point wished for shall be obtained and forwarded.¹

¹ This paragraph seems to mean that at this time Livingston contemplated writing a history of Jackson's campaign.

The *wonderfull revolution* in France² fills every body and *nation* with astonishment, and the tricoloured cockade being found in the Bottom of each soldiers Napsack tells to all urope that Napoleon reigns in the affection of the soldiers, that were to oppose him and their dislike to the Burbons. This has put an end to the deliberations at Vienna,

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as I do not believe the[y] will follow the example of your late assembly, and continue their deliberations under the thunder of his cannon. What will be the effects this sudden revolution will have on the relations with america? will it not give us an advantageous comercial treaty with Gr. Britain?

2 Napoleon, returning from Elba, landed at Cannes Mar. 1, 1815.

what time can you go on to the city of washington. I was invited by the President to the city to aid in the organization of the army, but it being left opti[o]nal with me to go on or to send on my report, for the present I preferred the latter course—in which report you may assure your friend Major Perre he was not neglected. I shall go on in the course of the summer, and will be happy in your company, and will accomodate my setting out to your convenience.

Mrs. Jackson begs me through you to reciprocate the good wishes of your amiable lady, and say to her that it would aford her much happiness to have the pleasure of again meeting with her.³ she retains with lively sensibility the pleasing recollection of the hospitality and friendship of her female friends in New Orleans.

3 Mrs. Jackson had visited New Orleans in March.

with a tender of my best wishes to your lady and family in which I include Major Davazac and your son believe me to be with great respect

Yr mo. ob. serv.