

## John Hutchings to Andrew Jackson, May 23, 1806, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### JOHN HUTCHINGS TO JACKSON.

New Orleans, May 23, 1806.

*Deare Sir* , by the last mail I had the pleasure of receving a letter from you, dated Apriel 29th. I am sorry to heare that Capt Smith has disapp[ointed] us in the payment of his debt, by this has been an unfailing rule with us, to Weight as long as our patiance and surcomstancees Would admit off, and then keepe us out of the money to the fag end of the Law. I am here weighting the ariv[al] [of the] other Cotton boate, which mr. Coffee says set out about the tenth of apriel, Conducted by mr. Green. he does not name the quantity of Cotton or the quantity of staves, at this I am some what surprisid, knowing the ancitieses I have to heare what Colletions of Cotton we should make.

Mr. W. Jackson boates arived here a few days ago, [one] of them a few miles above here sunk by a vary Vialent storm that lasted several day, and Cotton and staves boates reached here on the fifth day of this month after the loss of two of them on the way, one which Joshua Barnes had in Charge the other the one Isral Smith), this our Bad mangement trusting property in the hands of such D. rasculs, that has nothing at stake but the pittance of forty or fifty Dollears, but I feele glad we have been so fortunate to get to a bad market four out of seven. Our Cotton I have sold at 20 Cents pr. lb., and have started the barge back on the eight, which I hope will be at home by [the] tenth of July. I have paid \$1500 Kenner and Henderson on the Accompt of Beckham and Reese, also Meeker W and Pattan \$1800 on the accompt Saml Meeker and meeker Demmon and Co,

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that is say \$900 each which is neerly all the money in my hands at present. the staves that has reached here only amounted to about \$1950.

I set out from here to-morrow for home and then I shall be able to shew the amt of sales both of Cotton and staves, all bad enough. I have nothing more at prest.

I am sir yr. most obdt and Humb Sv