

## William Charles Cole Claiborne to Andrew Jackson, November 5, 1814, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### GOVERNOR CLAIBORNE TO JACKSON.

New Orleans, November 5, 1814.

*Sir*, I Omitted to mention in my Letter of Yesterday, that a company of mounted Riflemen from St. Francisville 70 strong, had arrived and were for the present quartered with the Feliciana Cavalry. A company of volunteer Infantry from Rapides, are stil expected, and a Detachment of fifty volunteers have, I believe, Joined Captain Hicks on the Lafourche. The Requisition of a *thousand Militia Infantry* , will very soon, I trust, be Completed, and to which the cavalry and Riflemen being added, will give you from this state, an auxiliary force of 1,200 men. In this city there are several uniformed Militia Corps of much promise, and my impression is, that in *these* , with some other Companies of the Militia, much confidence may be reposed *in the moment of trial* . There are Individuals who believe otherwise; It may be, I am in error, but there certainly has been a sensible Change in the Public mind. there is not displayed by the people at large that enthousiastic order, which is to be found in the western states. But there is no symtoms opposition to the Government and Laws; a strong hatred is manifested towards the Enemy, and a Determination expressed, *to unite in defence of the state*.

You will observe sir, that I speak of the people at large; I know there are some disaffected Characters, and in this city are many Vaggabonds, who, if the Occasion served, would be disposed for mischief. the Legislature of the state will be in session on the 10th Instant, and *their Zealous support at this moment of danger* , will confirm the Louisianians in their present good disposition. But if unfortunately, a *spirit* any thing like that, which led the

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Legislature the Last winter, to oppose a Militia Requisition, should again prevail, I shall encounter great embarrassment and much opposition. But as I have already observed, a great change in the Public mind has apparently taken place; many members of the Legislature, have always had American feelings and sentiment; Others whom I have lately seen, profess the most patriotic Intentions, and all will I hope act a part which the crisis advises, and the surety of the country demands. . . . .