Lexington, Kentucky

Sir,

It is with great difficulty that I have taken the liberty to send you a series of reflections on the late Cession of Louisiana to the United States. They were digested and committed to paper last summer, during the pendancy of that negociation of which you are the painter; of which, in its ultimate issue, has added the most important advantages to her own country.

Be so obliging, therefore, as to accept the proof that which I have the honor to send you. It is a small testimony of that deep sense of devotion for an administration which, in my esteem, combined with the true genius of the American Nation.

I am, sir, with great respect,
your Most Obedient,

Allan B. Mapledur