I thought it my duty to state a few days since the knowledge I had obtained of several English vessels on vessels under English flags, having been taken up by Americans in different parts of the United States, I proceeded to the Mississippi Florida to procure Cotton. Since I had the honor to make that communication I have received the enclosed price current circular which shows that the same plans are pursuing by British merchants from Great Britain that ships of country like the East of the Mississippi held by the Spanish detained by them as a part of West Florida produce a great deal of good fine Cotton. Believe the speculators think they can go in Spanish or British vessels to Spanish Fort on the Mississippi, thence load it proceed thence to sea without interruption. If prevented we do not thicken their plans in no doubt laid to carry the Cotton directly through

Mr. Jefferson...

To Thomas Jefferson,

President of the United States.