Sir,

Washington June 10, 06

Knowing that your former studies and views were directed to the profession of the law, but uninformed whether it is your intention to enter again into that line, I have thought it my duty to avow the public of your services in it, should it meet your own intentions. One of the places of a judge of the Superior Court of Orleans will be vacant by the resignation of Mr. Prevost, who continues only until a successor shall be appointed. The salary is of 2000. D. The two remaining judges are Mr. Sping of Maryland, and Mr. Matthews of Georgia. Should you be disposed to accept the vacant place, I shall be very happy in being able to fill it to satisfaction for the public. I will ask the favor of an answer to soon as you may be determined on the question.

Accept my acknowledgments and remain, with esteem, your obedient servant,

[Signature]

Mr. Jefferson

Mr. Mercer.
Mercer John. June 10. 06.

Dear and respected,

I am not at liberty to detail the evidence which has been adduced to prove the innocence of the accused. It is not necessary for me to state the nature of the testimony or the manner in which it was given. It is sufficient to say that the evidence is convincing and the assassination is clearly shown to have been committed by the party denounced as the assassin.

I am, therefore, confident that justice will be done and that the guilty party will be brought to justice.

Yours truly,

[Signature]