Mr. Jefferson presents his compliments to Mr. Price and his thanks for the communications of Decr. 9 & 12 and now returns the letters he forwarded him. It was the first information he received that shipments in English and Spanish vessels for Bataou were actually preparing; but aware that it might take place, orders had been given both on the river & lake ships, which will not only prevent their success effectually, but render their adventure sufficiently a losing one. He salutes Mr. Price with esteem & respect.

Washington Dec. 24. 08.