

Mobile 22nd November 1860

My Dear Sir

You returned favor of the 20th came to hand last night. Every inhabitant of this province certainly owe you the greatest obligation for your endeavours to maintain peace. - Looking as our prospects are, I still hope your exertions will not prove altogether un-
successful -

Governor Polk arrived here yesterday afternoon. I have had some interesting conversation with him today. He opened himself the subject of our present critical situation, and informed me of some decisive steps that he had taken, of which I was previously ignorant, but which you will have learnt from a letter written to you by my brother in his name, to which he now tells me to confirm to you in all points - He desires me moreover to add, that provided no succours of any kind are given directly or indirectly by any of the inhabitants of your district to the agents of the Confederation in their intended attack upon
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these parts of the province, he will abolish the
duties paid at this post on American goods
passing up the river, and the said abolition
shall take effect from this day on which he
receives from you a notification, that the
expedition under Kemper & Kennedy is
entirely laid aside, & abandoned by all the
inhabitants of your three Counties -

If this goes does not wrest their arms from their hands, nothing will remain for them to do, but to oppose force with force, & the British will remain as formerly -

I have stated some that it is more motives
of humanity that have prompted him to this
act; as it is his duty to save the effusion
of blood between men who will probably
soon become Citizens of the same Community
as you are already informed —

I hope this will arrive in time to prevent
your neighbours from crossing the line in
hostile array -

The board has order to remain until
you can return a decisive answer on
this interesting subject. I entertain
great hopes that you will be able to send
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a favorable one—

You can communicate this to my friends,
Capt. McKee & Capt. Cairns, to whom I have
not time to write in answer to their very
much esteemed favours by Davy—

I remain Dear Sir

Yours Sincerely
J. A. Immerarity

It is I think improper to counsel
the under ruled times until the full develop-
ment of the plan that is in agitation—

Dear Sir

Answer

I have this moment recd your favour of yesterday.

My own impression is that much as we groan under the duties
and are severely oppressed by them, and willing as every good citizen
is to go to any length under the authority of government to get rid
of them, — that the leaders of the expedition influenced more by
a regard to personal preponderance and popularity, and the
power to be acquired under a new state of things, than to any
public consideration, make use of the office of Spanish im-
position, only as a pretext for their illegal combinations.

There are however, honest men with whom the
suggestions you have been so good as to communicate will
weigh much. I will present them to their friends.

Indeed, I am tempted, but I don't tempt at har-
-tily, and perhaps I may retract. But I think I will meet
them to-morrow at Mr. Burton's bluff (the place of rendez-
-vous) and talk with them. Common sense may perhaps
for once prevail. I shall drop no hint of the
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communication from you, unless under circumstances
which I cannot at present anticipate; for I feel
averse to flatter treason so much as to suggest that it
can ever be an auxiliary in the cause of justice.

I am dear Sir

Yours very sincerely & respectfully

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