

James Innerarity to Harry Toulmin, November 24, 1810

Text PDF - complete two-image letter, with uncertainties

Complete two-image letter, including continuation, signature and address line. Distinct from the letter of November 22.

AI-assisted transcription visually compared with the selected source images by Codex; no independent human proofread. Bracketed text is editorial. The source scan remains authoritative. Handwriting uncertainties are bracketed, including [liked?]; a deleted word is identified. Punctuation and paragraph breaks regularized. Both source images remain authoritative.

[Image 1: letter begins]

Mobile 24th Novr. 1810

Dear Sir

I received your letter by Davy which I immediately communicated to the Governor.

He is really desirous of bringing the present discontents & troubles to a happy issue in the only way that it can be done as you will see by his letters to Governor Holmes & Col. Sparks, which he requests the Colonel to shew you not having [liked?] to take copies for you. It is with the view of making arrangements for putting the Country under the protection of the U.S. that he has come round from Pensacola. How lamentable should his intentions be frustrated by the rashness of the adventurers, or by cold cautious counsels on the part of the American officer. I pray to God most fervently that neither may happen. An appeal to your feelings however my Dear Sir is unnecessary. You have shewn how much you are the Friend of peace & humanity. From your past labours in this good cause I calculate on your present exertions. You will use all your influence to induce Col. Sparks to adopt the line of conduct necessary, absolutely necessary to prevent a [deleted: wanton] an useless

[Image 2: continuation]

effusion of blood. It depends on yourself and Col. Sparks whether we shall pay for the privilege of Americans with our fortunes, with our lives, whether we shall hail the Seventeen Stars with exulting Joy or blackest mourning. Surely you cannot hesitate.

The Governor I believe waits Col. Cushing's arrival to explain his intentions more fully & forcibly & I am strongly inclined to think so, to carry them into execution, but meanwhile an effort is necessary to stop those rash men from involving themselves & us in blood & broils.

I hear Capt. Gaines is coming down here & I shall rejoice truly to see him on many accounts, but principally because I can commit with confidence my wife & child to his care, who have been detained here so long between fears & hopes, that I think it dangerous to send them up the river now without protection.

God preserve you my Dear Sir & make your efforts for this devoted place successful. Praying
Yours very truly
Jas. Innerarity

The Honble. Harry Toulmin
[Separate inverted notation: No. 3]