

his fears and fatten on his crimes who under the sacred garb of religion have polluted all that was sacred and cankered all that was happy. -- Ferdinand cannot possibly be so foolish & insane as to declare war against the United States in the present enfeebled state of his finances without expecting the cooperation of some one of the powers of Europe. -- No person would ever sympathise in the downfall of this tyrant of the human race and in the extipation [?] of one of the most foul courts of Errope & an inquisition where very name thrills the feeling heart with horror and whose hellish barbarities have withered that once fruitful realm as it were into a gloomy desert. Humanity would rejoice and nature would triumph in the change.

If we look to England the eye finds but little relief there we see a loyal people oppressed and almost starved, their ministers of State and a Nobility living in all the splendour of Splendour itself, appear to despise the complaints of the suffering population. -- A revolution will probably be the consequence if no means are taken to alleviate their general distress -- When a government is so far dead to its own interests and the welfare of its subjects as to grind the face of the labourer even to death, and to cause the soldiery to dispose at the point of the bayonet an apemblage of the people peaceably collected together for the purpose of petitions and seeking redress for their grievances, & when a government has become so extravagant as to force the last mouthful from suffering poverty to pamper a Nobility the curse of Nations & of men whose very manes excite our detertation & contempt & who are obliged to keep a standing army to protect & defend them from the rage & resentment of an injured and oppressed people -- I say, that when a Government has come to this!! It ought & will cease to exist. -- The Patriots of S. America still continue to excot [?] their utmost in the support of their just rights and the cause of mankind, the weak condition of Spain & the perile & indecisive character of Ferdinand will not be able to check their progress to Freedom. -- The Inhabitants of all S America will eventually become independent & _____ governments of their own choice they will be able to appreciate blessings which the iron yoke of Ferdinand could not bestow. The U States _____ returned from the North Eastern boundary line in August last. They have accomplished nothing this year & have occasioned great expence to the Government. I have made a lengthy letter of this & I believe that I have written every thing of importance that has happened since I wrote you last. Our family send their best respects to yours. You must excise the imperfections of this. Give my best love to my relations at Jackson & write often to you

Friend & Cousin
E.F. Johnson