

## PROCLAMATION

*By Edward D. White, Governor of the State of Louisiana.*

Whereas the United States are now at peace with the neighboring States of Mexico, in which some hostile movements have occurred between the existing Government there and a portion of their people, in which contest there has been in the State of Louisiana some manifestation of interest, which might lead not only to an infraction of our laws, but to a breach of national faith and honor; the citizens of the State, and others within its jurisdiction, are reminded of the provisions of the 2d section of the act of Congress of April 20th, 1818, which is in these words:

“If any person shall, within the territory or jurisdiction of the United States, enlist or enter himself, or hire or retain another person to enlist or enter himself, or to go beyond the limits or jurisdiction of the United States, with intent to be enlisted or entered in the service of any foreign prince, state, colony, district, or people, as a soldier, or as a marine or seaman, on board of any vessel of war, letter of marque, or privateer, every person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a high misdemeanor, and shall be fined not exceeding one thousand dollars, and be imprisoned not exceeding three years.” This act does not “extend to the subject or citizen of any foreign prince, state, colony, district, or people, who shall transiently be within the United States, and shall on board of any vessel of war, letter of marque or privateer, which, at the time of its arrival within the United States, was fitted and equipped as such, enlist or enter himself, or hire or retain another subject or citizen of the same foreign prince, state, colony, district or people, who is transiently within the United States, to enlist or enter himself to serve such foreign prince, state, colony, district or people, on board such vessel of war, letter of marque, or privateer, if the United States shall then be at peace with such foreign prince, state, colony, district or people.”

Now, therefore, I, Edward D. White, Governor of the State of Louisiana, issue this my proclamation, calling upon all magistrates and other officers of justice, and upon all good citizens, to assist in preventing the violation of this law, and in bringing to punishment those who may offend against it.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the State, at New Orleans, this 13th day of November, 1835, and of the independence of the United States the sixtieth.

By the Governor :

E. D. WHITE.

MARTIN BLACHE,  
*Secretary of State.*

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*Mr. J. Forsyth, Jun. to Mr. Forsyth.*

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,

*Mobile, Alabama, November 18, 1835.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 4th instant, upon the subject of the interference of American citizens, within this district, in the “domestic dissensions” of Cen-