To show more clearly the influence of Captain Reid's action upon the expedition intended for New-Orleans, it is necessary to notice the following dates.

Cochrane's fleet arrived off New-Orleans on the 5th of December, and General Jackson arrived at

the City on the 10th of the same month.

Now it is manifest that if Cochrane and Lloyd had arrived 10 days sooner, (say 25th, Nov.) the British army might have marched into and taken possession of New Orleans, before the American forces could by any possibility have arrived.

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