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vote under the present law, and it would speedily induce the education of the remaining half. The conflict of races would end with the disappearance of ignorance and corruption from the Legislative Halls. Ignorance, corruption and violence now dominate in most of their Assemblies, and form the basis on which the color line is drawn. I conclude this Chapter with the letter of Mr. William Hensley above referred to.

Talbot, Monday 27th July 1807

My dear Sir,

Your two letters of the 6th and 18th of this month never arrived at Easton until last night, and this morning I got them out of the Post office myself.

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Our political horizon is assuming an appearance very unpleasant indeed, the late papers give reason to fear that the proceedings of the British Admirals have been authorized by their Government, and that this forms the commencement of a system of premeditated attack. Britain is menacing us on one hand and Spain on the other, and the accursed system of Slavery, which I detest with all my soul and which every day is becoming more execrable to me, has given us an internal Enemy, which in the event of a war, might be equally dangerous with either. In this situation, we have nothing left for it but to make our best exertions, and to implore the protection and favor of that all-powerful and good Being who holds in his hands the destinies both of nations and individuals. I was both gratified and edified with the religious