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Should your Government adhere to a System of desolation so contrary to the views and practice of the United States, so revolting to humanity and repugnant to the sentiment and usages of the civilized world, whilst it will be seen with the deepest regret it must and will be met with a determination and constancy becoming a free people, contending in a just cause, for their essential rights, and their dearest interests.

I have the honor to be, with great consideration, Sir

your most obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Jas Monroe