so as to make it definitive till you receive fresh Instructions from England, grounded upon the Reports which you will make to me upon this subject.

But it must be remembered that New Orleans cannot be maintained for any length of time without a great Expence, & the locking up of a large Body of Troops, & therefore that the second Object in view could not be attained, against the Will of the Inhabitants. With their Favour & Cooperation, on the other hand, we may expect to rescue the whole Province of Louisiana from the United States - If therefore you shall find in the Inhabitants a general & decided Disposition to withdraw from their Recent Connexion with the United States, - either with the view of establishing themselves as an independent People, or of returning under the Dominion of the Spanish Crown, you will give them every Support in your power:- You will furnish them with Arms & Cloathing:- & assist in forming & disciplining the several Levies, - provided you are fully satisfied of the Loyalty of their Intentions, which will be best evinced by their committing themselves in some Act of decided Hostility against the United States.

Under such Circumstances, you will not only shew countenance, but,

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