

I have now no apprehensions of a collision with the natives, they never were more friendly in their expressions, nor free in their intercourse: their appearances are considered by many among us unnatural and deceptive, — and may be so in reality — but my favourable impressions shall not interfere with my vigilance, nor make me over confident.

The trading operations of the Agency are prosecuted with diligence, and with tolerable success. I have paid off all of the debts of the Agency, and now for the second time in four months am enabled to increase your funds by the shipment of produce, and have still on hand a sufficient stock in trade to meet the current expenses of the Agency.

I am sorry to inform you that since the date of my last letter I have had no reason to alter the opinions then expressed of the impracticability of effecting our confederation with the Republic. If our Independence is made dependant upon the certainty of Confederation as an independent state, then your efforts had as well be abandoned at once, as the latter favour will not at present, nor for years to come be granted by the present Republic. In former letters I have written freely on this subject, and cannot with propriety say more at present.

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A. Letter Books

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