shall expect the cooperation of all the officers in the various departments of the Government of this State in enforcing its interest to the letter. I shall doubtless find matters a little hard in the onset, but after practicing a little with such points as touch my duty, I hope to be able to place things in such a train, as will render them easy and less difficult. Next to agriculture I look upon Commerce as important to the success of your & our national career. It will be a part of my policy to adopt measures for the opening of the paths to regions considerably distant, and entering into negociations with the chiefs thereof for the purpose of causing various articles of trade, which have heretofore been kept back by certain interdicts and blockades, laid against their free passage to our market by tribes living not more than a half days travel in and I maintain that there are in our interior, and not beyond the reach of easy travel, commodities, which, but for the petty factions which have ever tended to affect and mar the advance of the community, would find their way to our State. I have had sufficient to do with the affairs of the passing Government and the agency, to know the importance of, and the profit to growing out of what is here called trade with the Natives, and I maintain that Commercial projects, however novel, as has

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