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Dear Sir

Monticello Aug. 19. 08.

your letters of the 7th & 10th were received on the 15th
 communicated to Mr Madison & received back from him
 yesterday we relinquish the idea of a direct passage to [redacted]
 [redacted] and adopt that of a general communication to
 the government of France through which you will pass.
 Mr Madison will be here within a few days in order
 that we may arrange and finally expedite whatever is
 necessary for you. till then neither the vessel nor port
 can be fixed; but I may say negatively that it will not
 be one of our little armed vessels. The pressure of time
 allowed me by the short delay of the post here must apologize
 for the brevity of my letter, so many of an indispensable
 character filling up the short space allowed me for their
 writing. I salute you with constant affection.

Mr. Short.

W. Jefferson

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to the publick and private
and business are very well
and I am now in good health
and strength and have
a number of hours to
read and write and do
what I please.
I have just now
received a letter from Mr. Jefferson
in which he informs me that
he has sent a copy of his new
and improved dredges plan to you and
I hope you will let him know what
you think of it. I have not yet had
time to study it out but I will do so
as soon as possible. I have also
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