

Dec. 24, 1808

Mr. Jefferson presents his compliments to Mr. Price
& his thanks for the communications of Dec. 9th & 15th and now
returns the letters he forwarded him. It was the first information
he received that shipments in English & Spanish vessels for Bato-
rouge were actually preparing: but aware that it might take
place, orders had been given both on the river & lake which
will not only prevent their success effectually, but render
their adventure sufficiently a losing one. He salutes
Mr. Price with esteem & respect.

Washington Dec. 24. 08.

Truce Chamber. Dec. 24. 08.

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