

*Copy of a letter from William C. C. Claiborne
Governor of the state of Louisiana, to Com-
D. T. Patterson, dated*

NEW-ORLEANS, Jan, 28th 1815.

SIR—I have been a witness to your unwearied exertions and steady firmness during the late struggle: I am very sensible of the obligations Louisiana is under to you, and to the portion of the U. States, Navy which you command for a most zealous and effectual co-operation in the defence of its capital. Receive, then, yourself, and be good enough to convey to the officers and men under your orders, my warmest thanks.

The misfortune which attended our gun-boats on the lakes, is, on account of the many brave men who fell on the occasion, cause of sincere regret; but we know that the unequal conflict was for a length of time gloriously maintained; nor was the flag of our country struck until our gallant tars had added still more lusture to the naval character of America—a character which I sincerely hope you may long live to sustain, and in conspicuous stations which you so well deserve to occupy.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

WEL. C. C. CLAIBORNE,

Governor of Louisiana.

*Capt. Daniel T. Patterson,
Naval commander on the
New-Orleans station.*