

the Chapter. I will soon work them a [plot] they are little aware of.

The Creeks have one & all raised the Hatchet against the Americans, and have tottally cut off a Fort of 420 people fifteen miles below fort Stoddart. This occasioned all the Troops to be sent below. St. Louis might be taken this spring with 5 or 600 men it is unfortunate that we are required in another Quarter we should find something worth fighting for there. I suspect that the attack meditated by the Americans against Montreal last fall has completely failed. General [James] Wilkinson who commanded the Army of 6000 that was to descend the St Lawrence was said to be unwell, & on the 14th of October, he was at Grenadier Island in Lake Ontario—he was to co-operate with General [Wade] Hampton & another General who had only 8000 betwixt them if this is there whole force the Sword & the severity of the Season must have accounted for them long ago.

From all appearances even from the Democratic papers, The Americans tremble for the consequences of the War in Europe.

They already figure the Russians & Cossacks at their doors. The Emperor of Austria has joined the Russians & Prussians & Swedes & their Combined forces amount to 540,000 men. There has been a dreadful battle at Dresden in Saxony it is reported that Gen^l Moreau who had accepted of a Generals Commission in the Russian Service had both his Legs carried off by a Canon Ball in that Battle. Lord Wellington had taken the two important Fortresses of Pampeluna & St. Sebastian, and was advancing into France. I think that Bony¹ must be knocked up as all Europe are now in Arms.

The crisis is not far off when I trust in God that the Tyrant will be humbled, & the Scoundrel American Democrats be obliged to go on their knees to Britain,—I should have gone down to see you but cannot for several reasons leave this place at present. Honory² has been unwell with

¹ Bonaparte.— Ed.

² Lewis Honore, interpreter.— Ed.