

**Andrew Jackson to John R. Grymes, January 27, 1843,
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class=MsoNormal>TO JOHN W. R. GRYMES. 1

1 Grymes was a New Orleans lawyer, who had supported Jackson in the controversies of 1815.

Hermitage, January 27, 1843.

My dear Sir , A most extraordinary record lately published by the senate of the United States purporting to be extracts from the proceedings of the District Court of the United States in Louisiana Distri[c]t, January term 1815, 2 extraordinary to me as I allways understood, that the January term for 1815 had not been holden for two reasons, first, that Judge Hall had left the City and was not there to hold it, second, that the Legislature in Decbr. 1814, had passed a law, shutting all courts for four months, which was asquiesced in by all, and all prisoners confined in jail liberated—all confined for crime against the United States, liberated by judge Hall, and that all courts were closed for four months by mutual consent of judges, lawyer, and community.

2 Senate Docs. , no. 14, 27 Cong., 3 sess.

The object of this letter is to request you to look at the record and informe me whether there is any record of the opening the District Court of the United States for the District of Louisiana and if there are, what date. You being one of my voluntary aid de camps, through all January, and the only one now living in Orleans, and having many clients in the 0209 185 District Court of the United States there, is the reason I take the liberty to request this favour of you. I wish you to give me your statement why the January term

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was passed over, and to get the statement of Alfred Hennan Esqr if he will give it. If any expence to the clerk for his certificate accrues, by applying to my friend Col. M. White he will pay for me, on shewing this letter. Mr. Conrad speech as reported says, he had sent to the clerk for a copy of the record, and a friend of his who had found this record, in the papers of some deceased person had kept it as a curiosity, and it being certified by the clerk of 1815, he had brought it, and handed it to Mr. Byard, 3 who had used it. I have no doubt but this record of the proceedings of the u. states District court for January term 1815, was a very great curiosity, to every one who lived in Neworleans at that time who well knew no such term was holden, and that all the courts were closed by the act of the Louisiana Legislature.

3 Richard H. Bayard, Whig senator from Delaware 1836–1839, 1841–1845.

You will greatly oblige me by attending to this matter for me and giving me your statement, of all the facts, of the closing of the courts and the loss of the January term for 1815, at as early day as your convenience will admit. I am very respectfully yr. friend,