

difficult attainment. There were not, to be sure, any American frigates, building or lying blockaded there; but those who suggested the expedition well knew that, as the cotton crops of Louisiana, and of the Mississippi territory, had been, for several years, ⁱⁿ accumulation, ~~etc~~ the city contained produce to a vast amount. Considering that New Orleans was the emporium of the produce of a great portion of the United States, the ^{enormous amount} ~~estimated value~~ of 3000000 £ was, perhaps, not ~~an~~ an over-estimate of what would be shared by the captors. As some stronger inducement than the riches of Louisiana, ^{Louisiana, and} ~~etc~~ was required to be held forth to those who had the ordering of the expedition, the possession of New Orleans would, it was said, ensure an immediate ~~conquest~~ ^{conquest} over the western states of the ~~country~~

Scarcely had the inhabitants of New Orleans read in their papers admiral Cochrane's threatening letter and its reply, than accounts came that a British officer, with a ^{few} ~~small~~ followers, ^{not a British ship of war,} ~~expedition,~~ had landed, at Pensacola, in ~~the~~ ^{the} West Florida; and, ~~etc~~ ^{proclamation,} ~~dated~~ dated August 29th, called upon the