

Confederate States of America  
Treasury Department

Richmond Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 1861.

His Excellency Thos. C. Moore  
Governor of the State of Louisiana  
New Orleans La

Sir:

Permit me to ask your attention to the enclosed note to the Banks of New Orleans and to request your cooperation in effecting the objects proposed. You are doubtless aware that it is essential to the security of the Government and absolutely necessary for our self defence that the Treasury notes should circulate as Currency. This result has been obtained every where except at New Orleans and the urgency of the case has suggested the adoption of harsh measures to remove this exception. The Government of the Confederate States, however, has preferred adopting such measures as will effect the object with the least possible disturbance to private rights and Commercial integrity.

I am directed therefore by the President, with the Concurrence of his Cabinet, to request that you will unite with him in inducing the Banks of New Orleans, to suspend Specie payments and to place Treasury notes upon the same footing with their own notes.

To this end I would respectfully request you, immediately upon the receipt of this letter, to convey the Presidents of the Banks and submit to them the letter addressed to them, which is herewith enclosed herein.

You will readily perceive the importance of having them act promptly in advance of any public apprehension. If the Presidents concur, they can adopt temporary measures until they can procure

the more formal action of their respective Boards.  
The political necessities which press upon us  
afford ample justification for the course proposed  
and I trust will induce the authorities of  
Louisiana to promise to the Banks, as far  
as may be in their power, protection against  
any risk to be incurred from any ~~inf~~ seeming  
infringement of law.

Very respectfully

Your obedt. Servt.

(Signed) C. G. Memminger  
Secretary of the Treasury