New Orleans September 19th, 1814.

Sir,

Having every reason to believe that there are agents of the Enemy visibly engaged in exciting our negroes to insurrection, you are hereby required to cause regular Patriot service to be performed within the limits of your Command to enforce a proper Police to take care that all negro cabins and other places where arms are most likely to be concealed be closely examined and that the greatest vigilance and activity be exerted in arresting and carrying before some Judge or Justice of the Peace for examination, all such persons whose conduct and character should furnish reasonable ground of suspicion of his or their conniving with the negroes, or being in any manner connected with the Enemy.

I have only to enjoin on you the most faithful attention to this order, and that you keep me regularly advised of all occurrences which may affect the Public safety.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully,

William H. L. Claiborne
The letter is from James A. B. Alexander to a Mr. C. Blackwood. The letter's content is not clearly legible, but it appears to relate to some matter of business or correspondence. The signature is "J. Alexander Peel" followed by "Allahabad."