



Monsieur le President:

I have the honor to enclose an extract from "Petites-Affiches" de la Gironde" showing that the Cours d'Appel of Limoges, has recently construed the treaty between France and the United States, and arrived at the same conclusion you were so kind as to express to me and in which I had the honor to find my own view supported by your *in the matter of the official invasion of my habitation* experience and unbiassed judgment. I shall make the full text of this *on the 18th of April last.* judgement of the court of Appeal of Limoges a part of my report to my government.

I was very desirous that this regrettable incident should be settled amicably by the Tribunal officially disavowing any intent to assert a right to exercise a jurisdiction implied by the ordonnance of saisie-gagerie and the formal reproof of the Commissary of Police and the huissier Rousse, by those who are responsible for their acts. I am sorry to *fi* say, however, that no official except yourself has manifested any regret *for* this plain violation of unmistakable international convention, and *I find myself compelled so to report. It remains on record which* I congratulate myself, however, that this incident has brought me the *has no official disavowal.* acquaintance of ~~one~~ so learned and worthy a magistrate of the Republic Francaise as your self. I do not doubt that the directness and persistency of the American, impresses those who are accustomed to the peculiar regard for hierarchical *dignity* ~~determination~~ as something unusual--perhaps unpleasant. The fact that our republicanism is so developed that the subordinate *ti* speaks as plainly as his superior, must naturally impress the officials of other countries with some surprise. As a matter of fact, I felt personally *in which I felt called upon to file my protest.* little concern about the matter. It was the affront to my country and it



flag that moved me to take official cognizance of the matter.

I hoped that the Commissary and the huissier would be formally rebuked and ordered to salute the flag they had insulted from unreasonable excess of zeal. Such not being the ~~view~~ adopted by those responsible for the acts of these officials, it becomes my duty to report the matter to

my government with the assurance that, ^{statement, neither the Tribunal nor} ~~one magistrate, and one only did~~ ^{my the writ has disavowed the jurisdiction it ex-} not hesitate to disavow both the act and its resultants.

Kindly accept, Monsieur, the president, my assurance of profound regard, etc. ^{acts of the ministerial officers expressed re-} ^{gard, etc.}

grah for their conduct. In so doing, I shall carefully note your earnest though unofficial reprobation of the same.

Yours &c

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President of the
Viburnum Civil
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