

Natchez, October 1.
WEST-FLORIDA.

We yesterday received by express, from our correspondent in West-Florida, the following highly interesting communications, which we lose no time in laying before our readers:—

Head Quarters, Fort of Baton
Rouge, Sept. 24th, 1810.

SIR,

In obedience to the order of the

convention bearing date the 22d inst. I directed major Johnson to assemble such of the cavalry as might be ready at hand and march immediately for the Fort of Baton Rouge; I then proceeded to Springfield where I found forty-four of the grenadier company, commanded by Col. Ballenger, waiting the orders of convention; at one o'clock in the morning of the 23d, we joined Maj. Johnson and Capt. Griffith, with 21 of the Bayou Sara cavalry, and five or six other patriotic gentlemen joined us on our march: At four o'clock the same morning, we made the attack. My orders were not to fire till we received a shot from the garrison, and to cry out in French and English, "ground your arms and you shall not be hurt." This order was strictly attended to by the volunteers 'till we received a discharge of musketry from the guard house where the governor was, which was briskly returned by the volunteers; we received no damage on our part; of the governor's troops, Lieut. Lotis Grand Pre was mortally wounded, Lieut. J. B. Metzernes, commandant of artillery, was also wounded, one private was killed and four badly wounded; we took twenty-one prisoners, among whom is Col. Delassus, the rest of the garrison escaped by flight. The magazines, stores, &c. found in the garrison have been reported to you by James Neilson, esq. who was appointed for that purpose.

The various and complicated duties devolving on me from the pressing circumstances of the moment forbid a more minute detail.

The firmness and moderation of the volunteers who made the attack was fully equal to the best disciplined troops. Whole companies are daily flocking to our standard; and the harmony and patriotism prevailing in the garrison must be highly gratifying to every friend of his country.

Accept for yourself and your body assurances of my high esteem and regard.
(Signed) PHILEMON THOMAS,
Commander in chief of the fort of Baton Rouge and its dependencies.

The H^{ble} JOHN RHEA,
President of the Convention of West Florida.

Certified to be a true copy of the original in my office.
(Signed) ANDREW STEELE, *secy*