

Thomas Jefferson, President of the United States,

To Hore Browne Trist, Collector of the District
of Mississippi, or his Deputy.

Be it known, that in virtue of an Act of Congress, passed on the thirty first day of October last, entitled, "An Act to enable the President of the United States to take possession of the Territories ceded by France to the United States by the treaty concluded at Paris on the thirtieth day of April last and for the Temporary Government thereof," I do by these presents appoint and authorize you, the said Hore Browne Trist, or, in your absence, your deputy, legally authorized by you, to exercise all the powers and authorities, heretofore exercised by the Administrator or Collector, Contador and Treasurer of the public revenues of the Province of Louisiana, and generally all the powers and authorities respecting the collection of such public revenues, which were or might be exercised by any other officer of the said Province.

Given under my hands and countersigned by the Secretary for the Department of State, at the City of Washington, this fourteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three and of the Independence of the said States the twenty eighth.

T. Jefferson

By the President

James Madison Secy. of State