

Quartermaster General's Office,
Washington City, March 5th 1842.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the
14th ultimo, and enclose you copy of
the memorandum to which you refer.
In regard to this memorandum I do
not perceive how it could be used
to your disadvantage - It contains sound
views, such as, I should suppose, you
would not be unwilling to see in the
public prints. There was nothing con-
fidential in your paper, and your
views become the subjects of discussion
in this office - whether in other offices
I am unable to say, nor do I now
remember what particular individuals
saw ~~it~~ ^{to} or were engaged in the discussion

to which it led: and I have no idea to whom you allude as the individual who has abused you in a Newspaper.

I received on a previous occasion from St. Augustine a communication in the same hand as your letter and memorandum - from the initials J. S. B. I supposed it to be the production of Captain Bryant late of the 2nd Dragoons; but from the similarity of hand writing I now suppose it to have been yours. That communication has strangely disappeared, & I know not whether accidentally, or by design -

I am Sir,

very respectfully,

Your obt. Servt.

W. J. P.

Gen. T. S. Brown,

St. Augustine,

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