



Edited/Annotated Documents about John Henry

All of the language in the documents below is from the originals. However, the following edits have been made to allow for the documents to be read aloud smoothly:

- Some spelling and punctuation has been standardized to avoid confusion.
- Words in italics are defined in the parentheses that follow. The words in parentheses can generally be substituted for the italicized words, when desired.
- Ellipses represent gaps in the text.

A letter from a British citizen to John Henry, dated January 26, 1809, but reported by President Madison in March 1812:

My Dear Sir: The extraordinary state of things at this time...has suggested to the Governor...the idea of employing you on a secret and confidential mission to Boston....

(Full text available online on the EDSITEMent resource **American Memory** at <http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/ampage?collId=llac&fileName=023/llac023.db&recNum=578>.)

A follow-up letter dated February 6, 1809:

...Endeavor to obtain the most accurate information of the true state of affairs in that part of the Union....

It has been supposed that, if the *Federalists* (political opposition to Madison's Republican Party) of the Eastern States should be successful in obtaining that influence... they will exert that influence to bring about a separation from the general union.

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