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I have always been fond of the chase, and of gazing
I have experienced great satisfaction in the chase, in the countries
of west Florida & New-Mexico, & in the states of, Virginia
Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Louisiana, North Carolina
S. Carolina, Missouri, Tennessee in the extreme Eastern part of
the latter I took my first chase when quite a boy. Now sir the
object of this communication is, to let you know that there is
not anything could be more grateful to my feelings than to take
a short hunt with you, in some place not exposed to Indian
depredations, and as my first chase was in the east of Tennessee
I propose to take this (perhaps my last) chase in the extreme
west of that State, say in Mississippi bottom opposite New
Madrid. I propose the Hunting Camp to be located some-
where near the Mississippi R (right to where the eye of Leonard
flashed on Major Berry) and then and there the preliminary
arrangements will be made for the hunt, by + + + say our camp
keepers - and they will, no doubt, give you liberty to ex-
-cute your threat (of 12th of June last) on me - and if you stick
close to the chase I insure that we will have something of better
colour, if not so strong scented, as that with which you plastered
my letter 10th of last June Yours &c E. Nash

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Nashville Mo.

Sir I most seriously invite you to this hunt - you
may object to the season, but 'tis the best time to save

Save meat and skins, and the climate is more mild at New-Madrid than here. I have frequently observed that men by being camp-mates (each doing his duty) would become great friend, and agreeable associates. Therefore this measure is absolutely necessary three days after this is delivered, I shall call at Nashville for an answer for this invitation believing most confidently that you will perfectly understand this prelude at the first glance.

There is an embargo (and something worse) on those who execute certain instruments of writing in Mississippi; which criminal words I have, and will avoid. But there is no law (that I know of) which prohibits hunting parties — Yours A. Park