

International Chamber of Commerce and Mississippi Valley Society,

EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT:
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Hon. JOHN CROSSLEY, President.

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33 CAMP ST., NEW ORLEANS,
Hon. JEFFERSON DAVIS, President.

New Orleans, 187

-ment being self sustaining, and that we were
cordially to cooperate for the purposes for which
the society was established. Under this confidence
we have with fair prospects of success commenced
the work of reviving the Association in this
Country, which you are aware had become
effete under the former system, when by our
steps are obstructed by the renewal of all & more
than all which was formerly claimed as an endowment
fund, or contribution to indemnify for expenditures
made on our account.

As I have heretofore written to you we are
poorly able to provide for the expenses to be incurred
in the beginning of our effort, and at this time
to call upon us for contributions to support the
Parent Society as our agent, is not the kind policy
& forethought for the development of a mutual interest
which had been anticipated. I hope your Council
will consider the action of the Committee in the spirit
manifested in the organization of your Society, and
that you will from the abundant material you
possess in our correspondence prevent any misapp-
rehension as to what has been done or intended.

Very truly & Respectfully Yrs
Jefferson Davis