

Interview with
the Emperor

me to day at 2 P.M. of course I
availed myself of the opportunity
and have just returned from this
personal interview. I was most
kindly received and he said at
once that he had wished to have
a talk with me about Cotton and
the prospect of opening our Ports.
He spoke again of the great incon-
venience connected with the exist-
ing Condition of things and feared
it would not speedily come to an end,
that the war might yet be a long
one. He referred, too, to the probabi-
lity of the South's destroying its
cotton &c. These, of course, are old
matters and I refer to them only
as coming over directly from His
Majesty