

His Majesty. In reply, I thanked him for the opportunity of a direct personal conference and assured him again of the confidence of our Government in the early suppression of the insurrection. As to the burning of the Cotton I told him that it might be, and doubtless would be done to a limited extent, but that little confidence was to be placed, in my judgment, upon the blustering resolutions and loud talk of Southern people upon this subject. That I did not doubt if we got possession of the Country, enough of cotton would remain to supply the present European want. I then read to him your Dispatches.