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<sup>1</sup> This is the second letter of William Gilmore Simms to AJP, written five days after the first letter.

<sup>2</sup> Irving, Theodore. *The Conquest of Florida by Hernando de Soto*. 2 vols. Philadelphia: Carey, Lea & Blanchard, 1835. Based upon *La Florida del Inca* by Garcilaso de la Vega, and the English translation of 1686 of the anonymous "Relaçam verdadeira."