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Circular.

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Department of State
Washington 19th Oct^r 1853

To His Excellency
The Governor of the State of Arkansas,
Little Rock.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit to Your Excellency a copy of the Consular Convention of the 2nd of February, last, between the United States and France, and to invite Your Excellency's attention to the second paragraph of its seventh Article. Pursuant to the stipulation therein contained, the President engages to recommend to those States of the Union by whose laws aliens are not permitted to hold real estate, the passage of such laws as may be necessary for the purpose of conferring that right. In accordance with the stipulation adverted to, the President directs me to communicate to Your Excellency his recommendation that if, pursuant to existing laws, French subjects

subjects should not be allowed to hold
real estate in Arkansas, that right may,
by law, be conferred upon them.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully,
Your Excellency's obedient servant,
W. S. Macey.