two months, & this is the first day, I have been able to sit up long enough to write a letter.

You have my prayers, my warm and ardent wishes for the success of the cause in which you are engaged, and was it not for the peculiar and intense suffering of my family, & the deplorable state of my wife health. I would be with you again this winter, ready to sacrifice all in so holy a cause.

I trust I shall be able to rerise up the Citizens this winter & that we shall send to you and a nother Company of "Red Rovers", ready to avenge their butchered friends.

All feel a deep interest in your success, and I shall make an effort to procure all the provisions clothing I can and forward it to your Agents in Orleans to be sent for the benefit of the gallant soldiers who are to defend your soil.

I remain most respectfully
Yr. Ob. Servt.
Jack Shackelford