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1809, May 5

Letter, [Dn.] D[ennis] Claude, New Orleans, to James Shaw,
Annapolis. Re, duel with capt. Spott.

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Gow Orleans May 5th 1809

Dear Shaw

Should this reach you your friend
will be no more, imperious circumstances
impel me to resort to the arbitration of
the pistol. Should the event prove fatal to me
I have requested my friend Capt Otter to transmit
this which incloses a letter to my brother.

The last act of friendship which I request
you to perform, is to prepare him for the reception
of what to him will be a melancholy tale.
I flatter myself your friendship for me will be
extended to him who much requires the kind
offices of that heavenly flame.

Time only permits me to give you
assurances of friendship undiminished, as
long as the vital fluid warms the bosom
of

Yrs
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