

To vent his passion upon him in bitter language.  
Petion heard him with meekness, & then in the  
firmness which innocence gives, presented the most  
convincing proofs, that what he had done, was in  
support of his (The Emperor's) dignity, & of his de-  
votedness to serve him in all things lawful & right.

With a fallen countenance Dessalines exclaimed  
"You only are my friend, my best friend!"

Afterwards, upon Petion's secreting a number  
of women, Dessalines marched to Port au Prince  
threatening his destruction. In alarm some  
English & American Merchants advised him  
to make his escape, for a cruel death awaited  
him; to which Petion replied;—"The Lord knows  
my innocency, & can deliver me." On coming be-  
fore the Emperor, who vented his rage in heavy charg-  
es against him, he called out "Emperor, where  
are my accusers?" "All these, all these!" said Dessalines,  
pointing to the Officers who stood about. Thereupon  
Petion confronted every one singly, with the  
question "General what have you against me?  
What have I done?" "Nothing, General, nothing" was  
the reply from all. Then turning to the Emperor  
he calmly asked "Are there any other accusers  
against me, Emperor?" Dessalines turned to Petion.  
& called him "My friend, my only friend," & return-

while marching against Petion, determined not only  
on his destruction, but also that of all the Mula-  
toes in the South & Southwestern part of the Island,  
by which event that part of the Island escaped the  
horrors of a general massacre, Petion was elected Pres-  
ident of the Southern portion of the island; while  
Christopher—one of Dessalines' generals assumed the  
title of King in the Northern. Thus Hayti  
became divided into two distinct governments.

On one occasion Christopher secretly march-  
ed against Port au Prince, selecting the time of  
a festival, when the unsuspecting people would  
not be properly guarded, & entirely given over  
to more than usual dissipation. He placed his  
army in a commanding position, from which  
he succeeded in destroying most of the town, &  
cut off nearly all communication. One battery  
was particularly annoying, which his officers  
repeatedly urged him to attack. This Petion  
utterly refused to do, on account of the carnage  
that must follow the execution of it. "You have  
not been able" said he addressing his officers, to  
prevent the enemy from occupying that posi-  
tion, & should you succeed in dislodging them  
from it, how can you prevent them from oc-  
cupying others, even more annoying than this?  
I cannot be answerable in the Divine sight for the