

The International Chamber of Commerce
and
Mississippi Valley Society.
St. Stephen's Chambers, Westminster,
London. Dec 13th 1875

Hon Jefferson Davis
Memphis, Tenn.

Honored and dear Sir

On the 11th inst I handed Mr
Thompson Gardner a copy, I made, of his letter to
you, dated 10th inst. which copy he intended to send
to you for fear the original might miscarry. I have
in this way become acquainted with the important
changes intended to be made in the constitution
of the M.V. Society, and, having had constant
experience in the workings of the Society, from the
very beginning I beg to offer you, and your
friends, the result of my experience, and some
suggestions derived therefrom.

The Society - or the project, was presented by Mr
Griffing to St Louis in November, 1872, at which time
he appointed me to be the Secretary of the "Ameri-
can Department" the Head Office of which it was then
intended should be at St Louis. The project was very
popular, so much so that, by the 1st of April, 1873,
nearly one hundred of the best citizens were