



Who Bought Louisiana?: An Address on the Services of Thomas Jefferson in Connection with the Louisiana Purchase, Delivered at the Closing Exercises of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, St. Louis, Mo., April 30, 1913

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from Who Bought Louisiana?: An Address on the Services of Thomas Jefferson in Connection With the Louisiana Purchase, Delivered at the Closing Exercises of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, St. Louis, Mo., April 30, 1913 Peace is our passion; wrongs might drive us from it; but we prefer trying every other just principle before ice would recur to tear. (Thomas Jefferson.) Human history is crowded with dramatic moments. Suddenly, without foreknowledge or forewarning, the world becomes a stage, and men and women play on it their tragic or comic parts. The midnight hour of April 13, 1803, was such a moment. The scene was Paris. The great figures of the drama were Thomas Jefferson, the American, and Napoleon Bonaparte, the Corsican. Robert Livingston, the American minister, and Barbe-Marbois, the French secretary of the treasury, also appear as actors; and in the background we see dimly the forms of James Monroe and Talleyrand-Perigord, statesmen and diplomatists. The theme of the play is the conflict between autocracy and democracy. The title of the play might be Who bought Louisiana?...

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