

OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

*This New Orleans Statue
Of a Southern Hero Is Safe*

Danny Heitman places the famous equestrian statue of Andrew Jackson in the context of the continuing debates about monuments and remembrance (“Amid Toppled Confederate Statues, Andrew Jackson Stands Tall,” *Cross Country*, March 25). He mentions three additional castings located in Nashville, Jacksonville, Fla., and Lafayette Park near the White House. The pedestal of the New Orleans statue may be unique, however. Prominently displayed is Jackson’s famous quote “the Union must and shall be preserved,” offered as part of an extended toast at an official banquet in South Carolina during the “Nullification Crisis” in the 1830s. Under Union occupation during the Civil War, Gen. Benjamin Butler ordered Jackson’s quote to be chiseled onto the pedestal. With this forced embellishment, the Jackson statue in New Orleans now illustrates an entire era of American history.

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