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The 772-page second volume covers the period from Nov. 16, 1809, to Aug. 11, 1810, and contains 518 documents, which are printed in full.

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Volume 2 was prepared by a team of editors led by J. Jefferson Looney, who is also director of the overall project. The *Retirement Series* is sponsored and funded by the Thomas Jefferson Foundation and the editorial staff is based at Monticello's Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies.

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