

Dear Sir

Fort Stoddert 22^d June 1814

A few days since I had the honour of receiving your favour of May 23rd. I was very happy to receive it, not only on account of the information it contains, but because it affords me an opportunity of expressing to you the high and grateful sense I feel in common with my neighbours of the extraordinary and persevering exertions and military prowess of the citizens of Tennessee and their gallant commander. You have saved this country.

I am not sure, however, that we shall not be yet obliged to make another call on your patriotism.

It seems to me as if nothing could be done in this country but by the instrumentality of the sons of Tennessee. The Indians fled from you in the utmost dismay to the neighbourhood of Pensacola.

Col. [?] Aupel had marched with the 3^d reg.^t to pursue them. He was to be joined by the militia under Col. [?] Nixon.

Col. [?] Milton arrived from the Hickory ground and ordered him back. The Choctaws and Chickasaws went home in great disgust. The 3^d reg.^t is gone to the Hickory ground.

The Creek 3^d reg.^t is gone to the Hickory ground. The Creeks were depressed in spirit beyond all example. They were about to give themselves up: - when a runner came from the Appalachicola to Pensacola, to inform them of the arrival of supplies from the British.

They then became in a moment as

insolent as they had been before submissive. Instead of surrendering, - a party of 25 started out to collect cattle in the settlements east of Mobile river and bay. A few days since, ~~three~~^{four} of them, having each a halter and a ear of corn, for the purpose of catching horses, - called at a house about a mile from Peirce's fort, & demanded something to eat, - walking about at the same time with their tomahawks, in a style of much insolence. The family had no idea but that of being murdered, - when a party of 8 or 10 from Peirce's came to the house, and attempted to disarm them. A scuffle ensued. One of the Indians' guns was discharged: upon which our men fired, - and killed three, & wounded the 4th who escaped. The people have all left that side of the river. I have this moment heard that 300 warriors have come into the fork of Tombigby & Alabama, and are making great destruction among the herds of cattle. I am not certain however of the fact.

As to the arrival of British supplies at Appalachicola, - I have no doubt. Fifteen thousand stand of arms have been brought to that place in the Orpheus a frigate of 44 guns, - and 7000 in a schooner which carries 16 guns. The fact was stated by Capt. ^{Horn} of the schooner, and Capt. Millwood of the Herald to a gentleman of respectability from whom I obtained the information. 300 barrels of ball cartridges, some six pounders, - some heavy metal, - besides considerable quantities of blankets, stores, and other

Indian articles, - were brought at the same time.

About 300 troops arrived with their supplies, all of whom were marines, except 10 or 12 infantry officers, left for the purpose of training the Indians. The Indian who

came to Pensacola with the news, explicitly & positively stated to a person who conversed with him in the Seminole language, - that these articles were deposited in

the store of John Forbes and Co. till a public store house was built on St. George's Island, at the mouth of Appalachicola river. Invarity of Pensacola

(who belongs to that house) denies that they have had any thing to do in the business. The schooner which came to

the Appalachicola ~~for~~ was dispatched to Pensacola for flour, - where she purchased about 300 barrels brought from N. Orleans. She also took back with her a barge

obtained for the purpose of carrying Indian supplies as far as possible up the Appalachicola river.

They run in a day or less from Pensacola bay to Appalachicola. This schooner, together with the Herald

(of 22 guns) left Pensacola about a fortnight ago. They were to proceed immediately, together with the Orpheus, and the Anneconda, for the purpose of bringing from

Jamaica a body of black troops to some part of the shores of the gulph of Mexico, - but whether the Appalachicola, - Pensacola, - Mobile or the Mississippi is

not known. The gentleman from whom I receive

this information is an Irishman. Capt. Millwood of the Gravel, is also an Irishman. They dined together at the house of Mr. Selu, a native of England, and now a considerable merchant in Pensacola. Capt. M. observed to Mr. Selu, as they were walking in the gallery after dinner, when talking of the projected expedition of the British: "Mr. Invarity, knows every thing relating to this business. You ought to know it as well as he. But I am a soldier and dare not divulge it: - but events will take place of which you are little aware."

I am rather apt to suspect that this establishment at Appalachicola is intended partly to secure the Inds. more easily, and partly to excite apprehensions in Georgia and S. Carolina: - but that when the negro troops come from Jamaica, - they will probably come to Pensacola or Mobile, and proceed with the Indians to attack the Miss. settlements, - whilst another force will operate by water. Unless some such scheme were in view; I do not see why the marines were brought. But beg your pardon. I will leave conjectures & return to facts.

On hearing the news from Appalachicola. M^r Queen set out with about 25 warriors for that place, and returned with about 20. Forty or 50 more went in small parties. The number of warriors in Pensacola was about 200: - but Marshal, who is said to be a man of vivacity, asserts, as I am told, that there are 1500 warriors on the Escambia.

We are looking with much solicitude for Gen. T. Blount,
as no one here seems to be empowered with authority to
make any general arrangements for the protection
of the country. At the present moment the Bri-
-tish arrangements might easily be rendered abortive
with the force which lies within a reasonable distance
of this place: - but it will soon become a much
more difficult task. The 34th reg^t are impatient
for farther employment. - but the daily expectation of
seeing the general coming the District renders it dif-
-ficult for their Col.^c to determine how to act.

Were some of our unemployed military force at Pen-
-sacola; it would not be difficult perhaps to reach
the British depot at Appalachicola. There are 30
square rigged vessels, I am told, now lying in the
bay, - which on an emergency might I suppose be em-
-ployed as transports. The Governor there
admits that the British have landed: - but pleads
that it was on Indian land, where, - he says, -
the Spanish govt. does not pretend to exercise juris-
-diction! Your arrival at Pensacola was some
time since generally expected, - and by a few earnest-
-ly wished. Of the latter number, I am told, was Mr
Helm, - who went so far as to fit up a room for you
and to have an elegant bed & bedstead prepared
for the Tennessee conqueror.

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The citizens here whom you been so good as to
notify through me, must no doubt feel truly
grateful for your kind and generous exertions
in their behalf. I have informed the whole
of them: - but have seen only one, viz.
Dr Holmes, - who desires me to present
his grateful respects to you. He is now
with the army, & cannot for some
months go to Tennessee: - but prays you
to employ his negroes if it be possible
in the mean time.

I pray you General to accept the
assurance of my greatest respect, - and
to believe me to be with high esteem, dear Sir

Your most faithful and
obedient servant

Harry Toulmin.

P.S. I send you a copy of a letter from another person
to a neighbouring mine.

If you know of any other negroes or horses carried to
any other part of Tennessee; ~~referred~~ by any other officers.

(if such there be) I should be much obliged to you to
inform me

My dear Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the
10th inst. in relation to the
above mentioned matter.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. H. [Signature]

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Your obedient servant,
J. H. [Signature]

Communication
from H. Salmon
22nd June 1844

London
23rd June

From
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Genl. And^{rs} Jackson

Near Nashville

Tennessee