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I reached the town of Hooshatuck, which is situated about three miles below Northwauke, - on yesterday; & found it abandoned. I was prevented from marching directly to Northwauke, by learning, when I had arrived in 10 or 12 miles of it, that it ~~also~~ was abandoned. The enemy, apprised of our approach had fled in precipitation on the 11th Inst - the day on which I should have reached & attacked had I not been delayed in my march by the excessive of the rains.

We have taken about ten prisoners at & near Hooshatuck; but I know not what reliance is to be placed on the accounts they give of the present situation or intentions of them who have fled. They represent them however, as having crossed the river, & as hastening to Pensacola; & in this statement they all agree. A negro woman, who is one of the prisoners, & who some few months ago, ran away from Pensacola, states that they have heretofore been furnished in ammunition by the military of that place; & that they are now gone there for a fresh supply - that which they had on hand being nearly exhausted.

One thing seems probable, that they are seeking their safety in flight; & that ^{many of them} ~~they~~ may hope to find a refuge in Pensacola, is not unlikely. Still however I cannot but believe there is a considerable portion who have not fled thither, & who, if they do not sue for peace, we must continue to treat as enemies.

To Genl. Penkney
written the day after
Genl. Jackson's arrival
at Fort Hatchie.

without date

14th April 1814

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