

## **Willie Blount to Andrew Jackson, December 31, 1812, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.**

### **WILLIE BLOUNT TO JACKSON.**

Nashville, December 31, 1812.

*Sir*, You will as soon as practicable after the Troops are paid,<sup>1</sup> move with the Detachment of Tennessee Volunteers under your command,

1 As soon as they were paid the soldiers began to present their notes to the bank, in Nashville, for specie. The directors at once refused to continue to furnish funds to the paymaster, and payments to the soldiers ceased. Then an arrangement was made by which the bank furnished the paymaster funds, one third in specie and two thirds in post notes. In a general order, Jackson announced this fact, and urged the soldiers to be satisfied. Jackson MSS., Letter-Book, Dec. 19, 1812.

consisting of one thousand four hundred Infantry and Riflemen, and six hundred and seventy mounted Infantry and Cavalry, in all, two thousand and seventy, men and officers included, to New Orleans for the defence of the lower Country, transporting the Infantry and Riflemen by water, and ordering the mounted Infantry and Cavalry to proceed by land, on the main road, leading from this to New Orleans, via, Natchez, Mississippi Territory.

You will in giving your instructions to the commander of the mounted Infantry and Cavalry, order, that the greatest caution and care shall be observed and used by him, and the whole Detachment under his command, not to molest, or in any way to injure the peaceable Tribes of Indians inhabiting the Country thro' which they may march on

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said road. On your arrival at New Orleans, you will await, the order of the President of the United States. . . .