

## Thomas Pinckney to Andrew Jackson, February 5, 1814, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### THOMAS PINCKNEY TO JACKSON.

Fort Hawkins, February 5, 1814.

*Sir*, . . . . General Floyd has again defeated the Indians while on his march to, and within eight miles of the Tuckabatchie old Town at the bend of the Talipoosa, the official account of which action is herewith. But having with him but a scanty supply of provision, and his men's time having nearly expired, he has been compelled to abandon the Idea of advancing, and by a letter received from him yesterday dated from the battle ground on the 1st February he informs me that he should retreat the next day to Fort Hull 7 miles in his rear, and after providing for the safety of his sick and wounded should retire to Fort Mitchell on the Chatahouchie.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Fort Mitchell was about twelve miles south of the site of Columbus, Ga., but on the Alabama side of the Chattahoochee. It is fifty miles from the Tallapoosa as the crow flies.

Under these circumstances, *Sir*, you must not rely on any cooperation from these Troops immediately neither should you proceed to the fork of the River unless you can bring a full supply of provision with you, because although I have made a Contract which is now executing for placing the quantity of provision mentioned in the above Extract on the Chatahouchie, this retrograde movement of the Georgia Troops will prevent it from being conveyed to the Talipoosa which is distant about 55 miles and completely in possession of the Indians.

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The advance of the South Carolina Militia consisting of about 1000 Men who are to relieve the Georgians passed Milledgeville yesterday, they will probably be here on Sunday next, the 6th February and reach Fort Mitchell on the Chatahouchee on the 13th or 14 of the Month. The North Carolina Troops will probably not reach that post before the end of the Month. When the whole are assembled the disposable force to act in the Fork after leaving garrisons in the intermediate posts, will consist of about 1500 Militia; between two and three hundred Regulars and probably from three to five hundred friendly Creek Indians. As soon as they shall have established themselves on the Talipooosa and a sufficient supply of provision shall have been placed thereon I will give you information by express: *before which you must not rely upon any support of Men and provisions from this quarter .2 . . . .*

2 Feb. 20, 1814, General Pinckney informed Jackson that Floyd, "on account of scarcity of provisions, had been forced to fall back nearer the frontier". Fort Hull, 135 miles from the Georgia frontier, was left garrisoned by 300 men under Col. Milton. Jackson MSS.