

## James M. C. Montgomery to Andrew Jackson, March 20, 1814, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### J. M. C. MONTGOMERY TO JACKSON.

Floydsville, Georgia, March 20, 1814.

. . . . As you will no doubt recollect me<sup>1</sup> as we went to School together to old Mr Stephenson on the Catabaw and as we both sufferd by the last Warr, I lost a brother and If I dont Mistake in addition to suffering yourself as a prisoner you lost one also and being both now engagd the common cause, I should be much gratified to receive a few lines from you by each arrival as the line of expresses are now directed to pass this Station, you will no doubt recollect to have seen mention of my name in the foul fight on the Tallipoosey by Genl. Floyd. I had not an efficient command under the Genl accept on that rout. I acted as Adjutant and [ ]<sup>2</sup> on the plains of Autose, I went as a private into the army (leaving a family of thirty five in number) but was early appointed to act in the Quarter masters department and as early as the 31st. of October was appointed Special commission the immoluments of which are nearly equal to that of Lieut. Colo. my appointment now about that (or nearly so) of a Major, but was within about sixty five miles of my family near the Standing peach tree.

<sup>1</sup> The writer begins by saying he served under General Floyd and was in the battle of Autosee. When he wrote he was superintendent of artificers in the United States service and was stationed at Floydville, on the Chattahoochee River to build some boats for transporting supplies. So little is known of Jackson's early life that it seems well to publish all facts, however minute. From this letter we learn that he went to school to Mr. Stephenson, on the Catawba River.

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2 The editor is not able to decipher this word. The handwriting is very difficult. Nothing exists to show what Jackson thought of the letter.

If you should not recollect me I am the son of James Montgomery brother to Robert who was prisner and Wm who died in the service in the last Warr, a brother to John who was taken prsioner at the hanging Rock battle who died a prissioner in Charlestown, you may recollect that I was in the Service in the year 92 in Cumberland when you acted as Commissary or contractor that sucess may crown all your endeavours and that you may still continue cover yourself with Glory is the prayer of Sir your Obedient Servt etc