

**Andrew Jackson to Thomas Pinckney, April 14, 1814,  
from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by  
John Spencer Bassett.**

**TO THOMAS PINCKNEY.1**

1 Copy.

Fooshatchee, April 14, 1814.

I reached the town of Fooshatchee, which is situated about three miles below Hoithlewaule, on yesterday; and found it abandoned. I was prevented from marching directly to Hoithlewaule, 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 and attacked had I not been delayed in my march by the excessiveness of the rains.

We have taken about ten prisoners at and near Fooshatchee; but I know not what reliance is to be placed on the accounts they give of the present situation or intentions of those who have fled. They represent them however, as having crossed the river, and as hastening to Pensacola; and in this statement they all agree. A negro woman, who is one of the prisoners, and who some few months ago, ran away from Pensacola, states that they have heretofore been furnished in ammuniti<sup>2</sup>on by Innerarity<sup>2</sup> of that place; and that they are now gone there for a fresh supply, that which they had on hand being nearly exhausted.

<sup>2</sup> James Innerarity, a Scot, leading clerk in the establishment of Panton, Leslie, and Company. See *Am. Hist. Rev.*, II. 701.

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One thing seems probable, that they are seeking their safety in flight; and that many of them 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, and who, if they do not sue for peace, we must continue to treat as enemies.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>3</sup> The following memorandum, seemingly in the handwriting of Maj. John Reid, shows the way Jackson took vengeance on the Indian villages and incidentally gives us an idea of the geography of the Creek Country at the time.

“Ra, chue, cul, law, or old Field Town about 7 miles so. eastwardly from Fort Williams contained 2 Towns or villages 1½ miles apart. Burned by Lt. Col. Gibson 21st march 1814

“22 and 23 Genl. Johnson Burnt ren, chaw, la or parish creek Town about 15 miles so. so Et of Fort Williams—and We, hoof, ka, or Muddy Creek Town on the waters of Hatchet, or Putch[. . . ]che [Puttushatchee] Creek consisting of Two villages about 12 miles apart these are about So Et. 18 miles from Fort Williams.

“Apl. II. On the march of the army Towards the Junction Burned a small village on We, wo, kee, or falling Creek—3 miles above the main Town of that name.

“13th arrived at Foushatchee, or Bird Creek, Town on the North side of the Tallapoosa about 3 miles below the Haith, le, wal, la Town and burned that Town, and The Coolooma Town.

“14 Burned the Hoith, le, wal, la

“15. Burned the Ecu, hat, ke, or white ground, Town also the Muclessee Town—from Cooloo, ma to muclessee is about 5 miles. The white ground Town is between them “There are Towns on the south side of Tallapoosa corresponding with those on the north, bearing the same names—also on the south side is a Shawnee Town the whole of which with several other settlements not known by any particular name, were burned while the army

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lay near Foushatchee and on its march to Tuskegee at the old French Fort Toulouse, near the junction. Here stands the site of Fort Jackson, now Erecting.

“From Tuskegee a party was dispatched under Majr. Gibson by which the Towns of Coosawda E,cur,cha,ta—Too,was,sa—Pau,wat,ha and attaussee were burned on the north of the alabama. There are four Towns on the south side corresponding in name with the east four Towns, and nearly opposite to them which still remain”.

The manuscript is much folded and somewhat mutilated, so that the editor has had difficulty in reading the names of some of the towns. As Reid at this time had formed a plan for writing a history of the campaign, this memorandum may have been made by him for use on that project.