

**Thomas Pinckney to Andrew Jackson, April 16, 1814,
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THOMAS PINCKNEY TO JACKSON.

Fort Bainbridge, April 16, 1814.

Sir: I had the honor of receiving your Letter of the 14th at one o'clock this morning. My Letter to you of the 14th will have informed you that Brigdr Genl Graham commands the Troops from the Eastward and is now at Fort Decatur,¹ he has directions to furnish you with provisions. Col: Milton commands the advance of this Army, probably carried with him only provisions for his Detachment and after General Graham assumed the Command was acting under his immediate orders. I am however sorry for the transaction related in your Letter: it is nevertheless similar to what I have ever witnessed in my military life; and to prevent any misunderstandings of this sort has been a principal object for my joining the Army. I hope that you will be supplied for the present by applying to General Graham.

¹ Fort Decatur was on the east bank of the Tallapoosa, opposite the Indian town of Tukabatchee.

The State of the Roads and some business necessary to be transacted at the Posts will prevent me from reaching Fort Decatur on the Talipoosa until to-morrow about noon when I shall be happy to meet you at that Post to arrange what remains to be done during the Campaign, and to establish the necessary permanent Posts.

If the intelligence you have of the situation of any of the Enemy render it necessary, or the information you have of receiving supplies down the Coosa is such as you can safely rely upon you can pursue the plan mentioned in your letter of approaching still nearer to

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the confluence of the rivers; if otherwise, or if the service to be effected near the Fork can be done by detachment you will proceed with your main Body to Tuckabatchie to which place I shall direct General Graham to call in his Detachment, and where all our future arrangements can be made, and you will thereby approach our Magazines and of course can be most conveniently supplied with provisions until Lt Col: Russell's flotilla shall come up the Alabama, or your supplies from Fort Williams come down the Coosa.

I have no doubt that the Quantity of Provision which I promised, can be furnished to your detachment at Tuckabatchie provided the Road be passable for Waggons if otherwise it will require the aid of a part of your Troops to march as far as Fort Hull to bring back with them what supplies they can carry which will more than supply the Army until the roads can be made passable which I trust will now [be] effected in a day or two. . . .