

## Andrew Jackson to David Holmes, April 18, 1814, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### TO DAVID HOLMES.1

1 The original is in the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

Camp at the Junction of the Coosa and Tallapoosa April 18, 1814

*Sir*, On the 14th Instant I arrived with the army under my command on the Tallapoosa at Fooshatchey fifteen miles above the Junction, where I had been informed the enemy were collected in considerable force, and on yesterday I arrived at this place, having been detained on my march by torrents of rain, rugged roads and high waters, the enemy had got information of my approach and had fled across the Tallapoosa towards Pensacola. Since my arrival here two of the principle chiefs of the War party, Fooshatchie Micco and William Weatherford have surrendered themselves, they were conspicuous characters in the War and the leaders of the affair at Fort Mimms, they have surrendered up Eighteen of the negroes taken at Mimms and are under promise to bring in all that are in their power together with such prisoners as they can get.

I enclose you a list of the negroes that have been brought in with the names of their owners and have to request the favor of you to inform the owners or their representatives that they are in my possession, among them are a fellow, his wife and child belonging to a Mr.—at Pensacola they had run off from their master and were taken by the Indians and on the approach of the army they left the Indians and voluntarily surrendered themselves. the scarcity of provisions compels me to send them on to the Settlements in Madison County from which place I will order them with any others that I may be able to regain to

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my own house where they will be safely kept and clothed until the owners send for them, should a speedy and safe conveyance offer down the river to Mobile I shall send them on that rout to the care of Judge Tollman.<sup>2</sup> At Hothlewaulee, Fooshatchie, and Coolernee, we found one hundred and fifty scalps the greater part of which were females supposed to be taken at Fort Mimms. We have fully enforced the lex taliones, broken the spirit of the War party, and I suppose peace is not very distant, Genl. Pinckney and Colo. Hawkins being appointed by the President to treat with them. It is to be hoped that in fixing the boundaries they will be sufficiently prescribed to prevent any depredations from being committed by the wicked inclined of the Creek Nation, upon any quarter of our frontier, and their Territory confined to very small limits.

<sup>2</sup> Toulmin.

With best wishes for your health and happiness

I am very respectfully your most obdt Servt