

Andrew Jackson to Robert Butler, August 28, 1814, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO COLONEL ROBERT BUTLER.¹

¹ This letter is taken from the original, which exists in the Jackson MSS. A copy also exists in the hand of a clerk, evidently made when the original was sent, and which, it is interesting to see, contains misspellings not in the original.

Mobile, August 28, 1814. "7 oclock a m."

Sir: Refeerring you to instructions Contained in my letter of the 27th instant, I have to request that you will notify the contractor with out loss of time to forward to the differrent Posts therein named the Quantity of previsions therein required. Major Pier speaking the French and spanish Tongue is much wanted, must be ordered on to Join me without loss of time. Capt William O Butler is enterprising, and such services will be much wanted here. Rifle men will be of great use in harrassing the enemy. I want all recruits of this Description within the M Distric, and Majr Overton may be of great use in commanding this description of Troops. But should there be a senior officer of Rifle corps, whoes experience is equal to majr. Overton—it is not intended that he should be overlooked, altho I have a high opinion of the sprightly Talents of the majr. expidition must be the order of the day—the watchword Victory or death, or [A]merica will be apportioned amonghst the powers of urope.

I have enclosed to Governor Blount a short account of the information recd. last evening, the grater part if not the whole may be relied on as facts. you can see and judge for yourself. I wish you would see Majr Jack Reid, now Captain in the 44th know of him

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wheather he is coming on, if not advise me thereof that I may appoint another aid de, camp the labour is too severe for Capt. Butlar, and I have been rather indisposed for a few days. as soon as the duty pointed out in this and mine of the 27th is acted upon by you, you will repair hither without loosing a moment.

I leave you to Judge how many of the Officers of the U States army you will order on, not withstanding the rules laid down in the register, under present appearances and prospects of danger, no officer would hesitate in obeying the order. still I do not wish any officer ordered on that might tend to Injure the recruiting service. All I want is a sufficient number to aid in commanding the Militia. I shall expect to here from you often and I will keep you constantly advised of the positions and strength of the enemy.

I am respectfully yr mo [o]bt. sevt

Colo John Williams of the 39th would be of great benefit to me. I have enclosed an open note for your perusal, and wish you to inclose it to him with any further remarks. I inclose three lines to Mrs. Jackson please deliver it, I expect I shall want some funds, make arrangements with Capt. Kingsley for them.