

**George Gibson to Andrew Jackson, February 12, 1818,
from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by
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COLONEL GEORGE GIBSON TO JACKSON.

New Orleans, February 12, 1818.

. . . . The news of Woodbine being in the Apalachicola with two Schooners is believed at Pensacola and this place. It was brought to Pensacola by one of Inerarities Runers and by a Mulatto of Hamblys who made his escape from the Indians. They both state that Woodbine arrived in the Apalachicola about the 20th Jany. and had with him 30 or 40 whites and some blacks and that he was at Negroe Fort. . . . 1

1 Jackson received this letter at Fort Gadsden, Mar. 23, 1818, three days before he left that place for St. Marks, in Florida. Woodbine was greatly disliked by the settlers on the southern border and the prospect of bagging him was very attractive to Jackson's army. When the net was drawn however it was found that the man taken was not Woodbine but Alexander Arbuthnot. Writing to Jackson the same day from New Orleans, Lieut.-Col. W. A. Trimble said that Woodbine with two schooners was in the Appalachicola with an armed force of whites, Indians, and negroes.