

Nashville, Tennessee,

May 30th 1847.

General,

You are no doubt aware of the charges made against me for several years past of having by a course of intrigue obtained the command of the Army in the Creek war in 1836 and of having, in the same way, caused the removal of General Scott from the command of that Army, and also from the direction of affairs in Florida.

These charges, I understand, have been recently revived. To put them down I have to appeal to you for a statement of <sup>the</sup> facts as you know them to have existed at the time, as well in regard to my being placed in command, as to the removal of General Scott after he had assumed the command. I therefore respectfully request you to state, 1<sup>st</sup> Whether you did not, yourself, designate me for the command of the Army employed against the Creeks, without consulting me, and without solicitation on my part or that of my friends in my behalf.

2. Whether General Sutt was removed by your order from the command of that Army in consequence of any influence used, or attempted to be used by me, or in consequence of his own acts, as admitted in his official reports, and which acts you disapproved. And

3. Whether I had any agency in his removal from the direction of affairs in Florida.

I regret, General, thus to be compelled to trouble you with my personal affairs in the present state of my health; but there is no other resource left me for the defence of my reputation against the interested slanders of my enemies.

With the highest consideration

I remain, General,

your Obedient

servant

W. M. D. Pope

General  
Andrew Jackson,

Genesee,

Near Nashville,

Tennessee

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From Genl. M. Powell  
Montgomery, Ala.  
Jan. 14, 1904.

Nashville, Tennessee,

May 30th, 1845.

General,

You are no doubt aware of the charges made against me for several years past of having by a course of intrigue obtained the command of the army in the Creek War in 1836; and of having, in the same way, caused the removal of General Scott from the command of that army, and also from the direction of affairs in Florida.

These charges, I understand, have been recently revived; to put them down ~~now~~ <sup>I have</sup> to appeal to you for a statement of the facts as you know them to have existed at the time, as well in regard to my being placed in command, as to the removal of General Scott after he had assumed the command. I therefore respectfully request you to state, 1. Whether you did not, yourself, designate me for the command of the army employed against the Creeks, without consulting me, and without solicitation on my part or that of my friends in my behalf. 2. Whether General Scott was removed by your order from the command of that army in consequence of any influence used, or attempted to be used by me, or in consequence of his own acts, as admitted in his official reports, and which acts you disapproved - and 3. Whether I had any agency in his removal from the direction of affairs in Florida.

I regret, General, ~~that~~ <sup>thus</sup> to be compelled to trouble you with my personal affairs in the present state of your health; but there is no other recourse left me for the defense of my reputation against the reiterated slanders of my enemies.

With the highest consideration and regard, I am,

General

Your obt. Servt.

Th. J. Jessup

[Thomas S. Jessup]

General

Andrew Jackson,

Hermitage,

Near Nashville,

Tennessee.