

Dear Sir

Fort Mifflin 23. July 1813

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-tion to procure powder & lead by private purchase. They have also great recourse to the old arms, bows & arrows, in the fabrication of which they discover much skill, and render them more dangerous than bullets. They were still in Pensacola on Wednesday. Mr Tate returned to inform us of what he had learnt. Mr. Peirce staid behind to obtain farther information. Mr Tate learns from persons whom he has seen that were carried down with them, - that their language breathes vengeance on the white people, & that they have dropped some hints of a design to attack the Pensacola settlement, (14 miles from this) on their return. Mr. Manac also informs me that he believes their great object to be an attack on the white people. They aim indeed to put to death eight of their own chiefs. This will effect a complete revolution in the government, and the patriots will obtain

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The half breeds, however, do not think fit to trust themselves with them or to embark in their measures. They have fled and have left behind them their crops & other property.

I visited them yesterday. They are in confusion and distress. Not less so are my white neighbours on Pensacola.

They are erecting forts, - some in swamps, or defence at this place. It now renders our situation better but the two rivers. On the other side of the rivers, ninety tenths of the houses are abandoned. The expedition under Col. Callier is to start to-morrow. I thought it justifiable & sent my son: - but I tremble for the issue. With numbers only equal to the Indians & skill far inferior we cannot calculate on any thing in their favour but the effect of surprise. I regret that two Indians



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I pray you to hasten your approach. Should our militia be defeated; our settlement will probably fall a sacrifice. I am dear sir, very respectfully your most obed't serv't

(signed) Harry Toulmin

Saturday Morning

P.S Since the within was written, Mr. Peirce has returned from Pensacola. The Governor has issued an order for supplying the indians with powder: they had had a war dance, avowed their intention to commit hostilities on us,-- and also to begin with the adjacent settlements. The people have been fleeing all night.