

Head Quarters —
Montgomery, May 28th 1836.

To the Commanding Officer of
the Georgia Militia
at Columbus:

Sir,

You are aware that Hostilities
have been commenced by the Creek Indians, upon the inhabitants
of Alabama, as well as those of Georgia. At the com-
mencement, they perpetrated many outrages — though they have
apparently suspended active operations, since a portion of our
Volunteer Militia entered, and have occupied ~~the~~ ^{several} sev-
eral commanding positions within the limits of the territory over
which they are dispersed. The hostile Indians are no doubt
still within the limits of Tussock & Washburn Counties. The
important object is to cut off the possibility of their retreat
or escape, and terminate the war by a ^{simultaneous} ~~single~~ ^{and} ~~cooperation~~ ^{movement} ~~of the several corps,~~ ^{which are,} ~~which will be~~ ^{shortly} ~~made use of~~ ^{will be}
~~in the field.~~

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and that number will shortly be increased to twelve, or
fifteen hundred, besides the friendly Creeks, who will act with

Mr. Colo. M. Semour, commanding the Regiment of the
County of Chambers, has tendered his own, & their services,
and they have been accepted. He will be notified, by express,
~~when~~ at what time the troops, under the commanding
Genl, will advance from Tuskegee, in the direction of
Fort Mitchell & Columbus, and will at the same time, move
upon the enemy from his quarters. There are, already, at Irwin-
ton, a Battalion of Infantry, which will, within a
week, be reinforced by a Regiment of Mounted Riflemen
from the 4th Division, ^{to be under the command of Brig. Genl. Chapman} besides other troops. This force
will be competent to intercept, and prevent, the flight of
the enemy to Florida on this side of the Chattahoochee.
~~State however,~~ If they retreat across the Chattahoochee, &
through the Southern end corner of your State could be
~~prevented,~~ ^{destroyed} I see nothing to prevent his being at once over-
whelmed and reduced to unconditional submission.

The object of this communication is to invite
the cooperation of the troops that may be in the service
of Georgia. ^{To accomplish the object in view it is} deemed very important to guard the ~~left~~ ^{east}
back of the Chattahoochee, opposite to the whole line
of Barber County. I would be glad to learn by
the return of my express, whether this view meet the
approval of the ^{military} Officer in command, and whether

The desired cooperation may be expected? We shall
probably be in readiness to advance from the several points men-
tioned by the 5th process, at furthest. I am

very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.
C. C. Clay.

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There are now seven or eight hundred volunteers at Tuskegee, and that number will shortly be increased to twelve, or fifteen hundred, besides the friendly Creeks, who will act with us. Col. McLeon, commanding the Regiment of the County of Chambers, has tendered his own, & their services, and they have been accepted. He will be notified, by express, at what time the troops, under the commanding Genl, will advance from Tuskegee, in the direction of Fort Mitchell & Columbus, and will at the same time, move upon the enemy from his quarter. There is already, at Irwinton, a Battalion of Infantry, which will, within a week, be reinforced by a Regiment of mounted gun men from the 4th Division, to be under the command of Brig. Genl. Moore, besides other troops. This force will be competent to intercept, and prevent the flight of the enemy to Florida on this side of the Chattahoochee. If their retreat across the Chattahoochee & through the Southern corner of your State could be obstructed, I see nothing to prevent his being, at once, overwhelmed and reduced to unconditional submission.

The object of this communication is to invite the cooperation of the troops that may be in the service of Georgia. To accomplish the object in view it is deemed very important to guard the last bank of the Chattahoochee, opposite to the whole line of Barbour County. I would be glad to learn by the return of my express, whether these views meet the approbation of the Military Officer in Command, and whether the desired cooperation may be expected? We shall probably be in readiness to advance, from the several points mentioned by the 5th proximo, at furthest.

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(Endorsement)

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