

**James Monroe to Andrew Jackson, October 10, 1814,  
from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by  
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**SECRETARY MONROE TO JACKSON.**

War Department, October 10, 1814.

*Sir*, There is strong reason to presume from intelligence just received from our Ministers at Ghent that a British force consisting of twelve or fifteen thousand men would sail from Ireland early in september for New Orleans and the Mobile with intention to take possession of that city and the Country through which the great Rivers on which the whole of the states westward of the Allegany mountains so esentially depend. This invasion must be met with firmness and repelled with promptness. I have required the Governors of Tennessee, Kentucky and Georgia to communicate with you relative to the march of the troops detached from those States to meet the Occasion, viz. 7500 from Tennessee 2500 from Kentucky and 2500 from Georgia the whole will be subject to your orders and disposition.

I have the honor to be,

PS. you will not fail to secure the friendship and cooperation of the Creeks, Chocktaws, and other tribes in our favour, should the menaced invasion take effect. To enable you to do this blankets etc. will be forwarded to you without delay to our agents with those tribes. You may however calculate on the supply in your communications with them.

[ *Indorsed, in Jackson's handwriting:* ] Note these blankets never got on untill June 1815.