

**Andrew Jackson to John Lambert, February 20, 1815,
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TO MAJOR-GENERAL LAMBERT.1

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New Orleans, February 20, 1815.

Sir: Some of my officers under a mistaken idea that Deserters were confined with the prisoners, have as I have understood made improper applications to some of the latter, to quit your service; it is possible they may have in some instances succeeded in procuring either a feigned or a real consent to this Effect. The whole of the transaction however met my marked reprehension, and all the prisoners are now restored to you. But as improper allurements may have been held out to these men it will be highly gratifying to my feelings to learn that no investigation will be made or punishment inflicted in consequence of the conduct of those who may under such circumstances have swerved from their Duty. As the transaction might not have been otherwise Disclosed to you the notion I now take of it shows the confidence I feel that you will not make use of any implied presumption to be Drawn from it against the supposed Delinquents.