

## David Holmes to Andrew Jackson, June 19, 1814, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### THE GOVERNOR OF MISSISSIPPI (DAVID HOLMES) TO JACKSON.

Washington, Miss. , June 19, 1814.

*Dear General* , Your letter of the 18th April did not reach me for a considerable time after its date. The list of the negroes that were brought to your camp with the names of the owners,<sup>1</sup> was not inclosed as stated in your letter, the omission I presume was owing to the press of business which must then have occupied your attention. For the services you have rendered to this territory by preserving from savage fury the lives and property of our frontier inhabitants, you have the benedictions of a grateful people. In accordance with the sentiments of their constituents our Legislature at the last Session authorised me to present to you a sword as a testimony of the high sense they entertain of your valour and patriotism. I have directed it to be made in Philadelphia and to be forwarded to Govr. Blount who will deliver it to you on behalf of the Executive of this Territory.

<sup>1</sup> Refers to negro slaves captured by the Creeks at Fort Mims Aug. 30, 1813, and surrendered by the Indians after the battle of Tohopeka.

It is said that the British are endeavoring to resuscitate the remnant of the unfriendly Creeks; whether these unfortunate beings will persist in their folly is some what uncertain. I have had information from Pensacola as late as the 7th inst. which states that the British had landed at appalachicola twenty thousand stand of arms and a large quantity of ammunition. If this should be true it is quite probable that they intend to make an active war in this section of the country and that they will endeavor not only to engage the

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Indians, but the negroes in their cause. I am induced however to discredit the intelligence from the circumstance of the vast number of arms it is said they have landed.

I am Dr Sir with great respect and regard