

## Andrew Jackson to John Henry Eaton, February 5, 1818, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

**TO JOHN H. EATON.**

Jackson County, Ga. , February 5, 1818.

*D'r Major.* I reached this last evening and rest to day to dry our baggage, and have our horses shoes repaired, at six in the morning, of tomorrow we will move for Ft Hawkins, I have heard nothing certain from the army, or of the late requisition from Georgia, or the safety of Major Mulenburgh.<sup>1</sup> In fact I have nothing worth communicating except the inclosed letter from Genl Scott, handed me by my aid Lt Glassell on the 30th ult.—it, from its novelty, and nondescript charector may afford you a little amusement and a little reflection to discover how many various feelings prevaded his mind whilst he was engaged in its composition. I shall treat it, as the Genl must have calculated on, when he wrote it—that is, with silent contempt. Should you have an opportunity shew it to my friends Genl Coffee and Mr James Jackson.

<sup>1</sup> Major Muhlenberg was proceeding up the Appalachicola River in November, 1817, with supplies for Fort Scott. Hearing that the banks of the river were infested with hostile Indians, General Gaines sent Lieutenant Scott to his aid. Scott left twenty men with Muhlenberg and took on a number of sick men and seven women to return to Fort Scott ahead of the supply ships. His party fell into an ambush and all but six men were killed. Muhlenberg sought shelter for some days under the banks of the river, but eventually reached Fort Scott in safety.

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I inclose it for safe keeping—if any accident happens me that it may not be lost. I preserve a certified copy. Have the goodness to have the inclosed sent to Mrs. Jackson, and my affectionate respects delivered to Miss Charlott and Miss Betsy. Write me to Ft. Hawkins, and accept assurances of my friendship and Esteem. Adieu.