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The duties of his excellency became arduous and important. Arms, accoutrement, camp equipages and stores, were all to be provided. The public arsenal could furnish but little; rifles, knapsacks, blankets, tents, bullet-moulds—every thing in short was wanting; however, the creative genius of governor Meigs and the patriotism of the *Ohionians*, supplied all deficiencies, and the detachment was shortly placed in a condition for marching.

The troops rendezvoused at Dayton, on Mad River. On the 25th of May, governor Meigs surrendered the command to brigadier gen. Hull, who had been appointed to conduct the expedition; he had been at the seat of government in April, where he had made arrangements for the campaign. His orders were *discretionary*.

\* When Col. M'Arthur received orders to furnish his quota from his division, he addressed his fellow citizens, and after a handsome exposition of the causes and the necessity of an appeal to arms, said,—“Volunteers from every part of the division will be accepted until the number required is made up. I shall myself be one of them.—Should the detachment from the second division think proper to honour me with the command, I will accept of it, otherwise I will cheerfully shoulder my firelock and march in the ranks.”