

About 400 of the 4th regiment; the gallant heroes of Tippecannœ, under Col. Miller, were at the same time ordered to descend the Ohio, from Pittsburgh, and join the detachment at the general rendezvous.

Government *ought* at the same time to have commenced the building of two twenty gun brigs at Erie—the command of the lakes being all-important to the success of land operations. Suppose general Hull had taken Malden, how was he to receive supplies, while the British controuled the navigation of Lake Erie, and while the savages commanded the forests and could ambush the convoys of provisions, at every half mile, for a distance of 200 miles?

The task of organizing the Ohio troops devolved on Governor Meigs. They were composed entirely of volunteers. The men, with the exception of the senior officers, were in the very prime of life, and animated with a noble ardor in their country's cause. The ranks were filled with uncommon expedition, and partly by citizens of the first distinction.

The exertions of the governor on this occasion, ought never to be forgotten. With a celerity never before equalled in a new country, he collected, from every part of the state, a corps of 1500 men and organized them into three regiments, the command of which, the

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