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HEADQUARTERS, }
LEXINGTON, Ky., Aug. 8, 1812. }

SIR: Your communications of the 29th of June and of the 29th of July are before me. The first came to this place in due time, in my absence though; and was mislaid, or it would have been sooner replied to. The order in which you propose to make your reports and returns meets my approbation—so does your contract for barracks, and the employment of a physician. The price of rations I think high, but if they could not be had for less it is justifiable. Is there is no agent for the contractor in your district? If there is he ought to be called on to supply the rations.

The course you have taken with the clothing is correct, and according to usage in such cases.

The latter covering a weekly report which exhibits honorable progress in the recruiting service; I rejoice to learn your recruits in point of discipline, are in your opinion equal to any under my command. Discipline and subordination are essentials not to be dispensed with in an efficient army.

Arms you shall be supplied with soon after the detachment for Detroit marches, which is to rendezvous at Newport, on the 20th inst., and will march as soon as equipped. When I can ascertain precisely the time that the line of march will commence at Cincinnati, I shall order Col. Miller to march the Ohio company from from Chillicothe, so as to fall in with the main detachment at Urbanna.

The application of, and expense for powder, on the occasion you ment on was entirely proper and justifiable in my opinion.

I some time ago wrote to Colonel Miller for a list of the names and grades of the officers of three companies, which is the proportion for the State of Ohio, for the first regiments to be formed and marched to Detroit. He informed me the list was delayed for the officers from your district. I hope it is on its way before now.

I am, with high respect,

Your ob't servant.

J. WINCHESTER.

Brig. Gen. U. S. Army.

P. S. You will herewith receive a form for a monthly return, which you will adopt instead of that received at this place. By order of the General.

J. OVERTON, A. D. C.

Major George Tod, U. S. Army, Zanesville, State of Ohio.

CANTON, STARK Co., O., }
Aug. 9th, 1812. }

SIR:—Agreeable to your orders of 2nd inst., I have sent all the recruits I have, which are four, with the Serg't. Jere. Mead, viz: Saml. Sheller, Frederick Swaney, Robert Hannah, Artillerists, and James McMahon, who is intended for Infantry. He has been unwell with a wound received on his leg but has recovered.

Since last return one has died Hezekiah Dodge. I will now repair to Stenbenville, and prepare for recruiting there. I hope you will send the Serg't there. I would have started prior to this, but the men was unwell (two of them) which prevented me. If I had some uniform clothing to dress the Serg't. in, and one or two suits, I could come more speed recruiting.

I will forward an account of each man by next mail. I am in want of money.

I am Sir, Respectfully your

Ob't Serv't JAS. H. LARWILL,
1st Lieut. U. S. Army.

Major Geo. Tod, Zanesville.

Per Serg't. JERE. MEAD.

RENDEZVOUS, CHILLICOTHE, }
August 27, 1812.

Major G. Tod, U. S. Army, Zanesville, O.

SIR—You will as soon as possible, order Captain Wilson Elliott on to this place with all the recruits belonging to the Infantry in your district. It is the wish of General Winchester, to have the second company ordered from the State, organized, and march immediately. If you can send forty or fifty recruits from your district, I presume the balance can be made up in this without any difficulty.

I presume you have heard ere now of the dastardly conduct of Hull in delivering up our whole army to the British, without even firing a gun, to a very inferior force. It is certainly one of the most disgraceful transactions that ever fell to the lot of this or any other country.

You will also send on with Capt. Elliott, a 2d Lieutenant and Ensign. If you have clothing to spare I would be glad you would send on in the baggage wagon twenty privates' hats, forty shirts, and forty pairs of overalls, as we are entirely out of those articles here. I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN MILLER,

Lieut. Col. U. S. Army.

ZANESVILLE, September 2nd, 1812.

Major Tod, U. S. Army;

SIR: General Winchester has wrote you another letter, in answer I suppose to the last communications before you left this place, particularly calling your attention to recruiting officers with respect to their returns, accounts and reports. And also another letter by last mail from Col. Miller, ordering the second detachment, under the command of Capt. Wilson Elliott, to march as soon as possible. I have wrote to Captain Elliott by this mail. I know nothing as to his subalterns, what their names are, or where they live. Col. Miller requests to send him, with the party, a quantity of clothing. Sir, if it suited you I would be glad if you could be here before the detachment marched. I am entirely out of money, and have been for some time. I have enlisted one since I wrote. The strength of the party at present is thirty-two. Ensign Harrison is at Chillicothe at present, and will con-