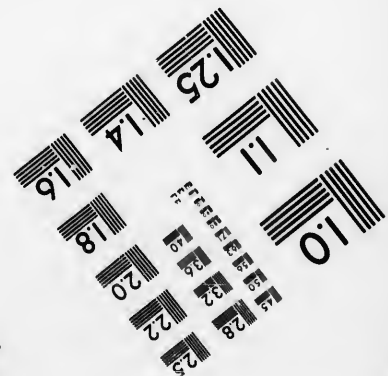
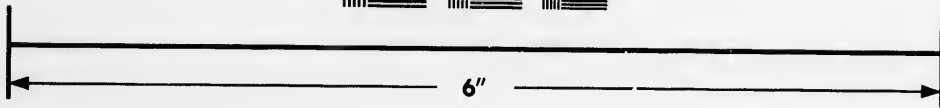
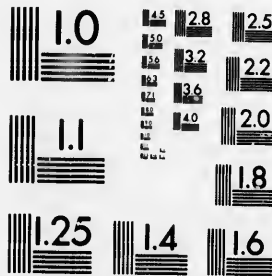


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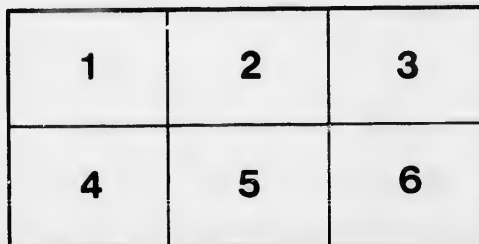
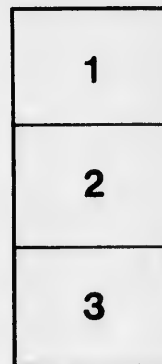
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## CORRESPONDENCE OF MAJOR GEORGE TOD. Selection No. 2—WAR OF 1812.

EBENEZER GRANGER TO MAJOR TOD.

ZANESVILLE, Feb. 27, 1812.

DEAR SIR:—I yesterday received this letter from Mr. Gideon Granger at Washington. I find that the information it contains was known in town by the Tammanies before the rising of the Legislature. I trust you will not accept a command under a trifling editor of a trifling newspaper.\* If the appointment is made agreeably to the nomination, I should not hesitate to tell Mr. President that I considered it an insult.

The Governor leaves town to-day. He says he trusts when you receive your appointment as Major you will protest it, and send it back to them. Nothing has occurred here since you left us. Your friend,

EBENEZER GRANGER.

\*This refers to his appointment as Major in the Nineteenth Regiment, under John Miller, as Lieutenant Colonel.

HEADQUARTERS.

LEXINGTON, Ky., May 9, 1812. }

SIR:—You will please to repair to this place without loss of time, to receive instructions, to enable you to commence the recruiting service in the State of Ohio.

I have written to you twice before on this subject, but not knowing the place of your residence, I fear my letters may not have reached you. I have therefore deemed it expedient to repeat my orders, and address them to you at Youngstown, where, I am since informed, that you reside. I am respectfully, sir, your obedient servant.

J. WINCHESTER,

B. Gen'l., United States Army.

Major George Tod, Youngstown, Ohio,  
United States Army.

WARREN, July 28, 1812.

Major George Tod, Zanesville, O.:

SIR—Within I have returned you the number of recruits, since my last weekly report. The progress of recruiting in the State, I am apprehensive, moves slowly; arising in a great measure, I presume, from the number of volunteers furnished by the State of Ohio. I have not heard from Lieut. Fredericks or Milligan for sometime. I concluded it would be most advisable for Eusign Milligan to recruit in Jefferson county, and establish his rendezvous at Cadiz, from which place I directed him to report to you at Zanesville weekly. I also gave the same directions to Lieut. Fredericks, of Lisbon, to report weekly, and furnished them with blank forms.

Y'rs respectfully,

WILSON ELLIOTT,  
Capt. U. S. Army.

CHILICOTHE, July 30, 1812.

Major Geo. Tod, Zanesville, O.:

DEAR SIR—I do myself the pleasure of enclosing you forms of subsistence and pay accounts. My motive in so doing is, that I expect that they will be both acceptable and serviceable to you, as you probably will not be able to procure forms of the kind in Zanesville.

I am with much respect,

Your ob't servant,

JOHN MILLER.

CINCINNATI, July 31, 1812.

MAJOR TOD—Dear Sir: Enclosed is \$400 in Chillicothe and Marietta bank, notes which I received for the Kentucky notes and checks that you gave me to exchange. Please acknowledge the receipt of them. Our little town has a hundred and thirty-six men now, with General Hull, besides

contractors, sutlers, wagoners, quarter-masters, &c., &c., followers of the army. We are now called on for 114 more, to be drafted and held in readiness to march at a moment's notice. This will make 250 men from Cincinnati, exclusive of the followers of our little army. Our last returns of the militia of this place was 526 privates, and 593 including officers. These were no doubt some invalids and some transient people, of course. Our present call, including what is on duty now, takes every other man in town on the rolls. So much for *correct heads*. It is certainly a great hardship, and a very great injury to our place; more so than all those *heads* will be worth if they live to be old as Methusalem.

I am respectfully, dear sir,  
Your friend and most ob't serv't,  
WM. STANLEY.

#### RENDEZVOUS ORDERS.

ZANESVILLE, August 1, 1812.

The non-commissioned officers and privates at the barracks are required, when not on parade to salute all commissioned officers whenever they meet them by raising the right hand as high as the eyes, with palm of the hand turned toward the officer. They are never to come into a room where there are any commissioned officers but with hats off. Soldiers on duty, when having arms in their hands, without any command, on the approach of a commissioned officer, will carry their arms. Any soldier or other person belonging to the barracks, who shall be found drunk or intoxicated with liquor, when called on parade shall be immediately arrested by the officer or non-commissioned officer commanding on parade and put in confinement, and as soon as the parade has been dismissed, such offenders shall forthwith be reported to the Major or other commanding officer at the rendezvous.

The Major hopes these orders will be attended to with cheerfulness. If not, offenders will be punished.

GEORGE TOD,  
Major U. S. Army.

#### RENDEZVOUS ORDERS.

Zanesville, Aug. 1st, 1812

On Sunday August 2d the non-commissioned officers and privates at the barracks will repair to the court house at 11 o'clock in the morning, for the purpose of attending divine worship, clothes clean, and heads powdered—without arms, but attended with drum and fife. The conduct of *all* must be decent and orderly.

GEORGE TOD,  
Major U. S. Army.

CADIZ 2d, August 1812

Major Tod, U. S. Army, Zanesville, O.  
HONORED SIR—These few lines are to inform you that I this day received a letter from Captain Elliott, directing me to send on what recruits I had with

Lieut. Booker to Zanesville, but Mr. Booker has gone on, and I am at a loss to know what to do. I have seven with my sergeant, but I should be glad for him to stay with me. You will please to send me some instructions by the bearer. He tells me he is going on for clothing, and if I am to keep my recruits any length of time, I should be glad if I could get a suit apiece for them. I think I could make much better progress recruiting. With respect, I am,

Your obedient servant,  
JAMES MILLIGAN,  
Ensign U. S. Army.

RENDEZVOUS CHILLICOTHE, }  
August 4th, 1812. }

Major G. Tod, U. S. Army, Zanesville, Ohio:  
SIR: Since my last letter to you of the 28th ult. I have received a second order from General Winchester to name and organize officers sufficient for two companies, in addition to those already called for, and to forward him a list of their names without delay. You will therefore please to name in addition to the first and second Lieutenants already ordered, one captain, one second Lieutenant and one ensign in your district, and forward their names to me by return of mail. You will hold them in readiness to march as soon as men enough are recruited to form a second company.

General Winchester urges the immediate organization of the company already called for. You will therefore make every exertion to have your detachment here as soon as possible. The Kentucky troops are expected to be at Urbana about the 10th or 12th of this month, and I have wrote General Winchester that I expect to be ready to march the company ordered from this State about that time.

I am, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
JOHN MILLER,  
Lieutenant Colonel U. S. Army.

RENDEZVOUS, CHILLICOTHE, }  
August 5, 1812. }

Major Tod, U. S. A., Zanesville, O.:

SIR: I have this moment received yours of the 4th inst., and am glad to learn that you will be able to march the detachment required from your district, to this place, against Sunday next. I received a letter from General Winchester this day, in which he urges me to have the company ready to march immediately. If the number of recruits at your rendezvous should not exceed 35 on Sunday morning next, you need not wait longer for others to come in; but should you have 40, the number before asked for, you will please to send them on. Lieut. Van Horn, the bearer of this, arrived here last evening (express) from our army in Upper Canada. He will give you an account of what is going on in that quarter.

I am, very respectfully yours,  
JOHN MILLER,  
Lieut. Col. U. S. Army.

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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 number 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 obt' 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 Sergt. 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 Sergt. 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 Sergt. 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 Sergt. JERE. MEAD.

RENDEZVOUS, CHILICOTHE, {  
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-



tinue there, until the men march. This two weeks and some better, there has been great stir among the people in this place, in consequence of the disgraceful conduct of General Hull. Col. McArthur, with a number of soldiers and officers, has arrived at this place. In the course of last week, there marched from this place, about three hundred militia, and about double that number marches this day.

With due respect,

Your humble servant,

JAMES HERRON,  
Captain U. S. Army.

RENDEZVOUS, CHILICOTHE, {  
Sept. 11, 1812. }

MAJOR G. TOD—Sir: I had the pleasure to receive yours of the 6th inst. last evening. I wish you to cause all the troops that are at Zanesville, to be marched to this place against the 18th or 20th of the month at farthest. If you can possibly send 40 or 60 men against that time, I shall be glad, as I believe there will be some difficulty in making up the 2nd company.

You will place 2nd Lieut. David Morris on the recruiting service in your district and I expect to be under the necessity of ordering several other officers to report themselves to you in a short time for that purpose. As all the officers belonging to the 19th regiment, who have resided in other States, have been ordered by Gen'l Winchester to report to me.

I am with much respect,

Your ob't serv't,

JOHN MILLER,  
Col. 19th Reg't U. S. Infantry.

RENDEZVOUS, CHILICOTHE, {  
Sept. 25, 1812. }

DEAR SIR: I have the satisfaction to inform you that the detachment sent out from Zanesville by you, under the care of Capt. Elliott, arrived here in good health, on Monday last. They are a fine looking set of men, and for the time well disciplined.

I had the pleasure of receiving your letter of the 21st inst. by last mail; also the return of the troops.

Since my letter to you of the — inst, directing you, by order of Genl. Winchester, to transmit your weekly reports, monthly returns, &c., &c., to the Adjutant Genl's office, I have been informed by the Adjutant Genl, that the recruiting service in future is to be conducted by the Colonel or a field officer of each regiment. You will therefore, in consequence of this arrangement, transmit me a weekly report, agreeably to the form enclosed, and monthly returns, agreeably to the form furnished by Genl Winchester—noting on the return, the men belonging to or \* \* by each Capt. and his subalterns. My understanding of the Adjutant Genl's instructions is, that the field officers who superintend the principal recruiting districts, are to advance money to none but Captains and Lieutenants, who are

charged with the inferior recruiting districts, who will advance to their subaltern officers—consequently field officers will not receive weekly reports, monthly returns, &c., recruiting officers' accounts, from none but those they \* \* money to, leaving the subaltern officers to report to the Capt. or Lieutenants who are charged with recruiting. This appears to me to be the proper mode of doing business, as it leaves to each grade of officers their proportionate share.

I am desired by the Adjutant Genl to forward him complete returns of all the troops that have been enlisted in this State, I am therefore under the necessity of requesting you to furnish me with copies of all your monthly returns, since the commencement of the recruiting service. I wish you to do so as soon as circumstances will permit.

In obedience to orders, also from the Adjutant Genl, the troops here will not be marched until further orders. Capt. Elliott and Ensign Harrison will return to Zanesville in a few days to resume the recruiting service, but I have every reason to believe that it will not be long before they are ordered out, as very active preparations are now making to push on the second campaign with vigor.

I wish you to forward me the recruiting officers' accounts, as you receive them so that I may forward them to the Adjutant Genl, as requested.

You will in future draw money of me to carry on the recruiting service, but I am unfortunately entirely destitute of funds at present. I have sent Capt. Moore to Genl Winchester, now at Piqua, for the purpose of drawing money; should he succeed I will forward you some by Capt. Elliott. If you nor Capt. Herron have not drawn you will please to forward your accounts to me, and I will endeavor to obtain it for you, as I have frequent opportunities of sending to Cincinnati.

I should be very glad to have an opportunity of conversing with you, and hope soon to have the pleasure of seeing you either in this place or Zanesville. Our officers at this time wear a very gloomy aspect indeed, but I trust that the patriotism and bravery of our countrymen and the Congress of the Government when brought properly into action, will soon regain what we have lost, both in property and character. I believe all would have gone on well, and we would now have been in possession of Upper Canada, had it not been for the atrocious and disgraceful conduct of Hull. His name is a disgrace to the American character, and I trust he is the only man in the nation who would be capable of doing such an act.

I am very respectfully your ob't serv't,

JOHN MILLER,  
Col. 19th regt U. S. Infantry.

N. B. Since commencing writing the above I have received orders from Genl Winchester to cause Lieut. Larwill and

the troops under his command to be marched to Plqua as soon as possible, where he will join Capt. Cushing of the artillery. I wish you to order him on as soon as practicable. Genl Winchester writes very pressingly. Lieutenant Larwill's troops will be furnished here with clothing.

J. M.

Major George Tod, U. States Army, Zanesville, O.

RENDEZVOUS, ZANESVILLE.

Oct. 5, 1812.

DEAR SIR—Your communication under date of the 25th ultimo came to hand, tomorrow will be a week. It gave me no small satisfaction to learn from you that the detachment from this, under the command of Capt. Elliott, met your expectations—I mean as to discipline. I would have been glad had its numbers been greater \* \* \* \* \*

I am, dear sir, very respectfully,

Your ob't. servant,

George Tod, Maj. U. S. A.

Col. John Miller.

FRANKLINTON, Nov. 12, 1812.

SIR: I wish you to send me as much casamere as will make two pair of overalls. There is superfine blue at Mr. Price's, at four dollars per yard. Capt. Elliott got of it. I wish to have of the same kind and the trimmings, & in so doing, you will oblige.

Your most humble servant,

B. C. HARRISON

P. S. You will have a opportunity of sending it by the post. I expect the troops will march shortly from this place. Genl Harrison arrived here last evening from Delaware. I expected to have returned to Zanesville before I marched, but it was out of my power. I wish you to pay Mr. Burnam for the hire of his horse, three dollars and fifty cents.

B. C. HARRISON.

Major Geo. Tod.

MERCER, PA., Jan. 1st, 1813.

DEAR SIR: \* \* \* &c. I suppose your situation enables you to hear and see all the news. I hope we shall have a different account from Harrison and his brave comrades in arms, than we have had heretofore from other Generals. I am almost ashamed to think of our northern army and acknowledge them as Americans. There is not a day passes but what more or

less of the troops from Black Rock passes through this place. They give various accounts. It is difficult to know the real truth, but all agree to fix the blame on Smythe. One thing is certain, that they are much to blame for leaving so much publick property exposed to the British and their savage allies. There must be something "rotten in the state of Denmark." Time will give us the true state of the circumstances. I shall be happy to hear from you occasionally. Accept my warmest wishes for your health and happiness.

Yours,

B. PEARSON.

Major George Tod, Chillicothe, Ohio.

EXTRACT FROM GENERAL ORDERS OF 9TH FEB. 1813.

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MIAMI RAPIDS. }

"A detachment consisting of Captain Langham's Company of the 19th Regiment, U. S. Infantry, & Captain McRea's Volunteers, under the command of Major George Tod."

"This detachment to be under the command of Brigadier General Perkins, who will apply to Headquarters for Orders. The men are to be furnished with one day's rations, exclusive of this day's, *ready cooked*."

Major Tod requests Captain Langham & Capt. McRae, to have their companies paraded on their respective parade grounds at retreat beat this evening, for the purpose of marching, &c. The orders expressed in the above extract are to be complied with.

GEO. TOD, Major, Com'g the  
above named Companies,  
Feb. 9th, 1813, in Camp &c.

GOV. MEIGS TO MAJOR TOD.

CHILICOTHE, Feb. 14, 1813.

DEAR MAJOR—Nothing new here—the Legislature on Tuesday last—the 20,000 (one years men law) have passed; M'Arthur, Cass & Findlay alone are exchanged—no others

Give my best regards to Gen. Tupper & Perkins, Col. Ryne and Maj. Whitesey. Write me every thing by the return of the express. I lament with you the death of Col. J. S. Edward.

God bless you.

R. J. MEIGS.

(Endorsed) "Governor Meigs' letter, Feb. 14, 1813. Rec'd at Fort Meigs."

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