

Mimi's Block House 12th Aug. 1813

I Just now received by a Dragoon yours of this date sent by express; and immediately gave the information of the desertion of the Indian to Capt. Bailey with instructions to endeavour to recatch him. I am truly sorry for the accident.

The men belonging to Capt. Dent's Company here, will be sent on to morrow but it is with regret that I send them as it weakens my command very much and Lieut Bowman having collected the most of the men, and having also been at a deal of pains and trouble in disciplining of them, he thinks hard of them being taken from him. one of our soldiers died the night before last and from the report enclosed you will see that we have a good many on the sick report; but none of them dangerous. We are perfectly tranquil here, and are progressing in our works as well

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as can be expected considering the want
of tools, we shall probably finish the
stockade to morrow.

with the highest respects

I am yours

D. Beasley Major

Commanding Station

P.S. Ensign Swann arrived to day and
brought two barrels of flour and a
barrel of whisky, instead of one of flour, post
whisky eat as you wrote me. D.B.

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Sir I just now recd. yours of this date and immediately ordered Lt. Bowman to be in readiness to ~~leave~~ join Capt. Deuts company to morrow at Cantonment Mount Vernon - Mr. Chambliss will do the duties of Lt. Master as well as those of Adjutant. There was an alarm here yesterday, but I believe entirely by a false one; a boy of Mr. Manair's lost his horse in the Swamp, and said that he saw Indians. The Swamp was scoured, but no Indians found, there were appearances of a cord having been put over the river, which was thought to have been done by Indians; but it was all, I believe, a mistake, the horse has been found to day. at the time of receiving your dispatch, Mr. Pierce & Mr. Tate was with me on the subject of furnishing a guard; ~~I will~~ at the Mill, I will send one there to night. Capt. Bailey has as many men as to entitle his

Company to a Lieutenant. I have
ordered an election for that purpose this
evening. The evening before last I was
informed that Ensign Crawford of Capt.
Bailey's company once deserted from
the army of the United States; there was
positive proof of the fact, and when I spoke
to him on the subject, he admitted ^{it}
~~the~~ fact; whereupon I dismissed him, and
ordered an election to fill the vacancy.
Peter Randon, son of the Old man to whom
I introduced you, when here, was elected.

As many as 8 or 10 of Capt Bailey's
company are without arms; and there
are some citizens at Mr. Pierce's Mill
without also. If you could furnish
from 20 to 30 muskets for the purpose
of arming of them I should be glad. Also
Mr. Tate requested me to endeavor to
procure two rifles if possible for him
and Mr. Manas, he said he had spoken
to you on the subject.

I shall send down to the Cantonment
to-morrow a few men on command

for the purpose of
that the officers
of and to fetch
Mayer took his
by whom an
offer to send up

for the purpose of bringing up some articles
that the officers and soldiers are in want
of and to fetch up the boat that Mr.
Mayer took his party down in, ~~and~~
by whom an opportunity will
offer to send up the arms &c.

I am with sincere

Respect Yours Obedt^o

Daniel Beasley Major
Genl's Station

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