

Franklin Road 20<sup>th</sup> 1813

Dear General

With satisfaction of soul &  
sincere gratitude to the God of armies  
we have heard of your success - a  
success unparalleled in the history of In-  
dian warfare - I am disposed to think that  
you will find my estimate of the state  
and force of that nation fully correct  
I am doubtful you will yet have  
considerable fighting but I hope as they  
has pushed on your banner she will  
never forsake your standard - My fears  
are still awake respecting your sup-  
plies for the army - Do you not think  
it practicable to make a waggon

road to the coast? Suppose a few hundred  
volunteers were requested in the view of your  
necessitous circumstances to open that road  
and forward supplies - Our hearts are all  
awake to your intreat - or if you could  
afford a man to go down as to be in  
reach of supplies from Mobile it would be  
desirable - This I am disposed to think you  
could easily have done if the troops  
from E. Tennessee had formed a junction  
with your army - But if their commander  
should refuse to act in concert both will  
be in imminent <sup>danger</sup> remaining apart - Should  
that be the case Dr. G. will do not risk  
too much until you should be relieved  
W. Tennessee has souls who would fly to  
your relief if they knew you needed their  
assistance - I know my efforts are not

very important but if I knew you needed  
assistance - I would myself commence the office  
of recruiting officers and march for your  
encampment - could I dare to ask the  
General for the feelings of his heart on  
that subject I would do it; but he knows I  
would serve him - and I can assure you  
that my heart would be wrung with poignant  
sorrow to think you were suffering and  
thousands of us lying at home at ~~our~~<sup>our</sup>  
ease - Should the Indians be determined to  
give you battle it will I suspect be near the  
Hickory ground - they are no doubt inflame  
d by the Spaniards and Britons and if so will  
extend to the left extremity - I know they can  
be subdued but it would be miserable that it  
could be done with safety - I know that your  
army will do all that valor can effect but if  
those wretched savages should get one ad  
vantage your case would be serious -

perfectly acquainted with the whole nation - & I  
expect may be relied on as the amity of late  
between him and the nation, instead of the hatreds originated from  
causes of a personal nature and on of long standing  
that you and your army may enjoy the blessing & the  
protection of an indulgent Providence is the prayer of  
your sincere friend  
J. Blackburn

Major General Jackson

Scott's Nations

Commanding

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You will find the largest body of their towns on  
the Salpisee - & stretched into the direction of the  
Cawetas - some very considerable ones big down  
the Abascoa - but I am told you have the  
advantage of James Telfer's information who is