

Andrew Jackson Collection
 1813-1821
 MSS 200
 11 Items

The collection consists of ten letters and a broadside by and about General Andrew Jackson. The letters deal primarily with events surrounding the Battle of New Orleans, and Jackson's leadership of the Tennessee Militia during the Creek uprising in Mississippi. Also included is a letter from General Jackson to Nicholas Girod, Mayor of New Orleans, praising the citizens for their "unanimity and public zeal." The collection contains a signed list of officers recommended by Jackson for brevet commission for gallant conduct during the New Orleans and Pensacola campaigns. All letters but one are originals and all are signed.

- Folder 1 **1813 Jan 5** General Orders from Major General Andrew Jackson at the Nashville Headquarters concerning preparations for an upcoming march. Details of supply and financing are to be completed by January 9. Jackson plans to have his men carry their own provisions. The time required for the march under varying weather conditions is discussed. 1 item.
- Folder 2 **1813 Feb 20** A copy of a letter written to an unknown party by General Jackson at Washington, near Natchez, on his trip down the Mississippi River. He had made camp near Washington on February 17 after finding a suitable site. Concurring with the orders of the addressee, Jackson has decided to wait upriver rather than proceed directly to New Orleans. The troops are kept ready to move at the first sign of an enemy landing and Jackson's "eyes are turned toward the south East." In the post-script, Jackson complains that he has not found the ammunition that was to be left for his use along the march route. 1 item.
- Folder 3 **1813 July 28** A broadside "to the brave and patriotic volunteers of Tennessee, comprising the detachment under my command in the late expedition down the Mississippi and the Militia of the 2nd Divison" from

General Jackson. The volunteers of Tennessee are warned that their services may soon be needed to quell an uprising of the Creek Indians. They shall avenge the "murders and outrages" committed by the Indians against the Crawley and Manley families, and the "savage cruelties" suffered by prisoners of a sister state. The men are asked to be "ready at a moments warning." They are called upon to extend United States territory southward, converting uncultivated soil into rich fields that will feed millions. Payment for soldiers and reimbursement for the use of personal mounts is discussed. A letter from Senator G.W. Campbell on the imminence of war is mentioned. 1 item.

Folder 4 **1815 Jan 3** A letter from General Jackson, at camp four miles below New Orleans, to the Headquarters of the 7th Military District. Jackson wishes to know the location of a shipment of arms. A detachment of men from Kentucky has arrived at La Forche; however, they are of little use as only a third have weapons. The rumor is that the man delivering the arms has halted along the way "for the purposes of private speculation." Jackson also suggests that a search for his successor begin as his health is greatly impaired. Both the British and the Americans are strengthening their positions and exchanging long-shot. 1 item.

Folder 5 **1815 Jan 7** A letter from General Jackson, at camp four miles below New Orleans, to Brigadier General David B. Morgan. This is Jackson's last letter before the Battle of Chalmette. Jackson agrees with Morgan that Fort St. Leon must be strengthened, and instructs Morgan to assume command of the project. There has been some dispute between the two engineers who were attempting the task, and Morgan is told not to observe "the niceties of etiquette" in handling officers who do not diligently perform their duties. This folder also includes a copy of Publications of the Louisiana Historical Society (Volume I,

part II, 1895) which contains a copy of
this letter. 2 items.

- Folder 6 **1815 Jan 18** A letter from General Jackson to General Morgan, commander of American forces on the right bank of the Mississippi, containing orders to march a detachment of 600 men back to Fort Morgan because of their declining health. Jackson lists general instructions and precautions to be observed during the withdrawal. 1 item.
- Folder 7 **1815 Jan 27** A letter from General Jackson to Dr. Lewis H[ee]rman, Surgeon of the United States Naval Hospital, complimenting and praising the Doctor for his valor and service during the invasion of Louisiana. 1 item.
- Folder 8 **1815 Jan 27** A letter from General Jackson to Nicholas Girod, Mayor of New Orleans, praising the citizens of New Orleans for their "unanimity and public zeal" in resisting British solicitations and supporting the men on the battlements. Special praise is reserved for the women of the city. The police are commended for their cooperation. Jackson believes that the city's strong sense of community allows it to maintain a spirit of benevolence during hardships. Jackson is also grateful for the personal affection he has received. New Orleans, he says, can only become a great commercial center if connected with the United States. If allied with any other power, it would be "nothing but a wretched colony." 1 item.
- Folder 9 **1815 Mar 3** A note from General Jackson approving payments to Mr. L.A. Delafitte. Mr. Delafitte leased several barges to General Coffee for the transport of forage and provisions. The quartermaster is instructed to make the payment. 1 item.
- Folder 10 **1816** A signed list of officers recommended by General Jackson for brevet commission. These officers are cited for gallant conduct, general merit, or wounds

suffered in the line of duty during the New Orleans and Pensacola campaigns. 1 item.

Folder 11 **1821 May 19** A letter from Andrew Jackson to David B. Morgan, in Madisonville, Louisiana. Jackson regrets that they could not meet during his recent visit to New Orleans, but hopes that they will be able to meet soon in Pensacola. Spanish agents promise a quick surrender of the Floridas. Jackson is unable to determine the precise time of American occupation, but he assumes it will be within ten days. 1 item.