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Vincennes
March 19th 1813

For
Governor Isaac Shelby

Col. Russell
7th U. S. Regt Infy.

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Sir,

It has been proposed to raise a body of volunteers in this Territory to act in conjunction with a like Corps to be sent from Kentucky on an Expedition against the Indians on the Wabash – What number of men can be raised in this Territory, in the mode proposed, no one can tell – The settlements of the Territory are scattered through a tract of country of about 200 miles in length and presenting a frontier to the Indians of, I believe, four hundred miles – The last census gave us a population of about 24,000 – I fear that number is now considerably reduced – as a person, whose office ought to give him the information, has just informed me that we have but 2,500 effective militia –

Three Counties, Wayne Franklin and Dearborn which lie in the Angle between Ohio and the old Indian boundary line of our population – Jefferson ~~County~~ a thinly inhabited county lies below – Clark comprises the old Grant of that name – and Harrison bounds on it below and extends across on the head waters of Blue River – These three counties contain about a third of our population – Knox, Gibson and Warrick lie on the Wabash and the Ohio, and from Buffaloe Creek, the upper settlement, to the Red Banks is Eighty miles –

Our people are much divided – and distracted by dispersions – we have no person, in or out office, who can unite, controul or command –

The Settlements in the three latter counties have been most exposed – and have done most duty – In 1808 a Battalion was called into Service – Large detachments were called out in 1809 & 1810 – In 1811 nine Companies were called out – and in 1812 the whole – lately four companies

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have been drafted from the same settlements - from the ballance
of the Territory twelve - and nominally we have two
Regts now in service - they are posted along the frontiers in the
capacity of Spies - the people more immediatly on the
frontiers are now generally shut up in block houses
or stockades - In this quarter they are very much out - and
disgusted with their situation - and many are more
disposed shamefully to abandon the country, than longer to sustain
the hardships and inconveniencies to which they have
really been exposed for some years - and Really from
our situation it can scarcely be expected that
we can do much more than watch our families
at home - Certainly offensive operations would
ultimately procure us greatest safety - but collecting
for that purpose, at this moment, we should leave
few but women and children behind us - Every
part of the frontiers is exposed - and no one knows
when the blow will fall - East of the Mississippi and
below the Lakes there are certainly at least 6000
Indian warriors - the Shawnees and Potawatamies
can raise at least one thousand - the Kickapoos
from four to six hundred - they are within a week or ten
days march of us - the Putawatamies and Miamis
collecting on the Wabash at Tippecanoe or its neigh-
borhood, can paddle themselves in canoes to this place in
50 hours -

This hasty scrawl will enable you to form
a pretty correct idea of our situation, at present,
and the prospect we have of raising an efficient
force from Volunteers - Possibly the people may be

roused and brought out to strike this all or one decisive effort to clear the Wabash and its waters of the Indians - No zeal will be wanting amongst those you have seen on the subject, to accomplish it - but I fear we shall, and can do but little - without foreign aid we are ruined -

Yours respectfully

G. Clarke

Col. Russell

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Col Wm Preston
19 March 1813

His excellency

Isaac Shelby Esq r

Frankfort

Kentucky

By expt
D. Bukes

Sir, Vincennes, 9th March 1813

On yesterday I met the acting Governor and a number of the field Officers, and Respectable Citizens of the Territory in Council. It was deemed proper for the better protection of this helpless Territory, that an expedition ought to be set on foot immediately, provided aid can be obtained from your State, and in that way your excellency may deem the most proper for drawing your valentiers to our aid, for without a considerable strength from your State it must fail. The Govr has promised all that will turn out and Equip themselves with thirty days provision, credit for a tour of 90 days, this is by way of encouragement. My own opinion is, that not more than three or four hundred can be drawn out for that purpose as a great portion of the Militia, in the Territory are now on duty on the frontiers. The contemplated Tour, I think will require one thousand at least but would prefer fifteen hundred, as it is probable with me the Indians at the late delaware Towns will

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fall back and Join those at the Massissinaway, and there give us a fight, as that will enable them to concentrate all Tecumseys forces on the Wabash River. The place for Genl. Rendezvouse for your State, and this Territory is appointed at Vallecnia, (Harrison County) on ye 15th April next, as a sentral point for your troops, and this Territory: and Sir should you for the want of time deem it expedient to alter the day of Genl. Rendezvouse, I hope Sir, you will notify me of such alteration, that I may notify the Officers also in this quarter, so as to avoid any mistake that might take place here, in consequence of such alteration. The object is to return in time for planting corn, as there will be no spare time from that Period, untill hay harves is really over — I flatter myself we shall see you once more in the field, where I hope to place you at our head — Tender me respectfully to your lady and family, and am with high respect your obdt. Servt.

W Russell Colo. 7th

& District Commandant

N.B. Herewith enclosed a letter from the honorable Benja-
=mine Stoddert for me into my hand. I have forwarded
it to you, for your inspection.

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Greenup C. H. K

Free
J. Bartley C.m.

To his Excellency Isaac Shelbey

Frankfort Ky

Joshua Bartley
March 1st 1873

Dr. Sir Greenup C. H. K.

I was a lad at the Battle at the Point with my old Countyman Col.o Fields Where I first had the pleasure of Seeing you and Was also at the Battle of Kingmountain with you. my heart Glows with pleasure to See you again our Chief Magestrate But a Double Glow to find you heading our Troops again I wish Very much to be with you I've Two Sons in Camp if they Return I'm Resolv.d if possible to lay my=self for my Dear Country again I'm now 52 years of age and a fortun Widower with 4 Children living with me. be so good as to write me a few lines and you will oblige the old 76 (thats What I'm known by) Am Sir with Sentiments of the highest Nature yours

Joshua Bartley
March 1st 1813

Col.o J. Shelley

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