Martin Hand[illegible]
to Secretary
3 April 1813

appointment
of Lieut.

Martin Harden

Frank Ford

Elizabeth Sowm April 6

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April 3 1813

Dear Martin there is a Lieutenant in this company of Drafted men that would rather ~~not~~ not go out on this expected expedition ~~and~~ and there would not be any objection to my filling his office during this expedition provided the governor May sanction the same and if the governor would condition a private to go I would go if Moses Hart is the Lieutenant you will not understand that he refuses to march he is ready and will not even let the next oldest Lieutenant take his place neither will he by any means be willing to be reduced to the ranks he is of a game family and supposed to be as much a a Soldier as any man but his family is very unwilling for him to go he wishes if I go in his place to know how he stands he sayes he will go before any censure should lye on him if there should be a call before I get back I went out last fall by an order of general winlocks and met the army at Louisville as a Spy for the foot men but when Hopkins met the army we were subject to his command and he ordered us on as Spys for the horse men and discharged

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us with them I consider myself as having done a tour if I go you will write to me who gets the tour Hart or me but I suppose Hart If you write to me that the governor will comision me prolem I will come to frankford on his promise when the troops march You will please to write to me as soon as possible please to excuse your very troubleso[illegible] friend

Martin Hardon

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Martin D. Harden Esq
Secretary of State
Frankfort

Fortunates Cosby
July 31st 1819
about Charles Thompson

Charles Thompson

Louisville July 31st 1813

Dear Sir

Your favor by Capt Byrd, I received this morning, and after hearing the evidence I immediately issued my warrant against Thompson the supposed fugitive from Carolina - He was arrested and brought before me - and after examination, I committed him to the Jail of this County where he will remain subject to the order of his Excellency

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the Governor

I am very Respectfly

Wm Scott

Fort Cosby

The gov. wrote to the Govr of S. Carolina — notifying him that Charles Thompson had been confined in the Jail of Jefferson as a fugitive from the justice of S. Carolina

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Charlestown Jg
17th April

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His excellency

Isaac Shelby Esqr

Frankfort

Mail }

Kentucky

Col. Wm Raeseale
April 11th 1813

Sir, Vincennes, ye 11th April, 1813

Your favor of the 26th March came safe to hand. The contemplated expedition, up the white River, and the Wabash has for the present failed as it was thought a sufficiency of men could not be embodied here, for said enterprize: however the officers in this place, have appointed ye 15th May for their men to assemble at Valunia, in order to try the thing again, with my little command I am always ready — The Indians are scattered very much over this frontier, and also that of ye Illinois and are frequently doing mischief, they keep in small parties, which makes it very difficult to overtake them as ~~will~~ they never fail to scatter when persued closely.

On my arrival here the contractors boat had been sent up to fort Harrison, she fell in with a party of Indians about 12 miles below the fort, they were concealed behind the the trees and willows when they commensed their attack on the

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boat, and most fortunate for the crew the boat had turned a little into the current, in order to pass a log or some other thing that projected from the bank and her being under way she was soon out of their track, they killed two soldiers and one citizen, and wounded six more, but saved the boat with all her crew and ~~laden~~ load. so soon as she returned I determined to send up two boats well fortified against small arms, when they arrived in sight of the same place the Indians discovered themselves at the distance of three quarters of a mile, so soon as the boat came up they commenced an attack the boats pushed on but from an eminence they wounded two men in one boat, the crew for the want of an officer in that boat to command got dis=couraged and beat back after the greatest danger was over, the other boat commanded by Lieut. Martin S. Hawkins made her way good to the garrison, and took them the necessary relief. This young man is from your State, he is gallant and brave, and deserves well of his country, he is atta=ched to yr 17th Regt. Infantry — I have sent

on this day ~~two~~ one boats will be fitted for an attack, and hope they will do so my object is to come in on their back by a party of Rangers I have ordered upon both sides the Wabash, but Sir it is very likely they will beat off the Boats and we have got supplys into the garrison, which frustrated their plan, unless they can be able to remove and make one more vigorous effort, then the Boats Send off

I have the honor to be your

J. Rufsell

Colo Jth Dubuis Commandant