

This Day I shall return again to Mills Creek. As I am entirely unacquainted with what Steps you have taken to gain the Indian Nations I should be obliged to you for informing me what has been already done & what you would advise me to do farther & whether you are of Opinion that any Service might be done or Benefit received from our sending proper Messengers to the Turktwees desiring their Assistance & also to the Southern Nations, the Cherokees Catawbas Creeks & Chickasaws. I should have mentioned to you that I have given Colonel Innes Orders to deliver to the Officers of the three Independant Companies £12 Sterg to be distributed among the private Men of each Company as extraordinary pay for the Labour they have undergone in building their Barracks. Captain Polson has writ to me desiring me to order an Enquiry to be made by a Court Marshal into his Conduct, I should be very glad to know whether it be agreeable to you that I comply with <sup>this</sup> ~~your~~ Request. Your Letter dated the 12<sup>th</sup> of November I found at my Return to Annapolis. The Stores except the 6 Carriage Guns I have ordered to the Camp from Mr Lewis's Description of these Guns I am apprehensive they are only 4 Pounders therefore you will forbid the making of any Shot till Mr Lewis makes me an exact Return descriptive of them. There are now at Mills Creek Captain Clark being not yet returned, Three Captains Eight Lieutenants one Ensign Twelve Sergeants thirteen Corporals Seven Drummers & 295 private Men the Maryland Company included with the greatest Regard Sir

The French Prisoners at Winchester are in a distressful Situation especially the Officers who is almost naked. if you think proper you may <sup>be pleased to</sup> order them to Pothaven where they may be better taken care of & perhaps give the Officer Leave to walk the Town on his parole of honor