

4th Regt 20th Regt. Me. M.
Cumberland Sept 2. 1839.

St. Alb.

I had the honor to receive by the hands of Col. Hellingworth your favor of the 27th ult. with its enclosure. I did not reply because I had no materials for writing in camp, nor any means of transmission, except by express which I supposed the occasion not to require.

I have the honor also to submit a report in detail of the operations of the force under my command.

No certain estimate of the expenses of the march can be made until all the bills are collected. When that is done, I will forward the accounts proper to the State, with the vouchers and draw as directed by you for the payment. Every possible degree of economy was used and I regulated the march as much as possible in order to keep down the expenses. You will see by the report, that the daily detach-
^{ments of the force, was very average marching, in addition to the}ed marches, and delays necessary in effecting the objects for which we were sent.

If I should have neglected any points in my report, on which you may desire more particular information, pray let me know and they shall be supplied.

Yours

Wm. H. H.

Williams

Comd^g 4th Regt. Me. M.

Wagston.

With great Respect I am

Your humble servant

L. M. Thurston

Col.

Recd 2nd 20th Regt. Me. M.
Cumberland, Sept- 2nd 1839.

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I have the honor to report the operations of the force under my command.

On Tuesday morning 27th ult. moved with a force of about 80 men, composed of Capt. King, Hales and McCullough's volunteer companies, in the direction of Little Orleans, having two haggays and one fine and the other two horses with three days supply of provisions: encamped on the road two miles above Cassin's March 28 miles

Wednesday 28th. Marched at 4. A.M. In reaching Cassin's and finding that the Cavalry who were to unite with me, had not arrived, sent the troops on towards Orleans and waited for information. On the arrival of the mail stage, learning that the Cavalry