

For the want of an other officer who is qualified for so important a charge--I have been obliged to order Colo. Miller of the 19th to Camp Meigs, and have committed the recruiting district to Major Whistler untill the arrival of Lt. Colo. Campbell who is in the southern part of Kentucky on furlough.

The British emissaries have been throughout the winter amongst the Indian Tribes engaging them for the service of the present spring--The Potawatimies & Miamies alone have agreed to furnish 1000 warriors, and the British have promised to meet our army between the Miami Rapids, and Malden--The Indians will not consent to be cooped up in Malden--Knowing then the point, and having it in our power to fix the hour when the decisive action will be fought--why with such a population as the western country affords should we not have a force that will leave nothing to chance? I must again intreat your pardon for the freedom with which these observations are made and beg you to believe that whatever may be your final orders and however opposed to my own opinions they shall be executed with promptitude and fidelity--I shall be thankful for as early information as may be convenient as to the extent of the command which is intended for me and whether any cooperating expeditions to the westward are intended. Upon this subject my opinion is that feints well supported will answer every purpose of making diversions--