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Dear Sir

When Colo Anderson was ordered to march his regiment from Fort Massac he was directed by the Adjutant General to order the companies of Capt Descha & Allen from the Missouri Territory to join or to follow him. The orders were given but the companies as he informs me were stopped by Colo Bissell the latter must have had some very strong reasons to justify such a procedure. Be pleased to give Orders for them to proceed immediately to this place & from hence by Franklinton to upper Sandusky. In giving you the order however it is not intended to preclude your exercising that discretion on the occasion which your judgment the candour of your character & my ignorance of the situation of affairs in your quarter of the country render it proper that you should be invested with. It is highly desirable for a thousand reasons that the Regiment should be kept together, without those two companies the 24th will be extremely feeble & inefficient. But should you think that any great interest will be jeopardised by the removal of one or both of those companies you are for the present at liberty to retain them. The Secty of War has requested my opinion upon the subject of employing Colo Johnson's Regt of mounted infantry for the protection of the frontiers of the Territories. I met the