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beat the invading foe. In all these essential measures we are in duty bound to cooperate with the government to the extent of our power and resources.

If the duties assigned to General Taylor were to be carried out in this way I will not fail to result in doing much good and little harm to the troops and well-to-do people of both nations; for it will make us better acquainted with each other, and it may lead ultimately to a more permanent peace.

I am a soldier of the United States—the whole United States of America, and not a soldier nor a member of any political party. This station can be defended by any one political party.

I am satisfied that no man who is bound by this oath can be an efficient member of a party, as we are bound to serve the United States and not a party or a part of the United States; but to serve honestly all the people of the United States, and on the approach of a war we of the army should invoke aid from all parties, for the national defence.

That much of what I have received from the military bureau of the War Department, having reference to my conduct for a long time past, has been in the spirit of admonition and reproof, and I have not the authority to defend myself.

I had confidently presumed myself that the army and its senior general officer would have justice done when under the present administration, inasmuch as the election of Col. Polk clearly indicated determination to put an end to the present administration.

I know too well the nature of your duties to ask or expect of you any special favor. I think it due to your position and your standing as a general officer, and more especially due to the President of the United States, the only lawful head of the army, that I should not close this present communication without claiming, as a lawful right, the privilege secured to me by the 73d and 74th articles of the rules and articles of war, which clearly provide that an officer will be required to exhibit charges against me.

There is, I am sure, but one man in this nation capable of charging me with the crimes officially alleged against me by the late President of the United States, Major General Scott. Unfortunately for the army and the country, he is officially associated with the War Department. Not, however, it is hoped and believed, in such a way as to prevent your requiring me in the future to do a wrong or to violate the law, to confine himself to the essential restraints of military law.

I am truly grateful to the President for his good opinion of my motives. But if he should not find that we are bound by the same motives, my motives to be, I ought and shall expect to be brought before a general court-martial.

My call on Governor Mouton, under the circumstances and facts known to me at the date of my requisition, was not a call on him as Governor, but as a case upon which I would assume the responsibility of risking my life, as I have often done while my duty to me in striking distance of the enemy's shot, which I have hundreds of times been wishing near, and which I would not shrink from doing, if I was not so ignorant of my duty as to imagine or intimate to any one that my requisition was expressly authorized, or that it would be the means of securing quarters for me until sanctioned by the President of the United States.

All which is respectfully submitted.

EDMUND P. GAINES, Major General United States Army, commanding the western division.

To the Hon. W. L. MARCY, Secretary of War, Washington City.

In June, instructions were sent from the War Department to Brig. General Taylor to move with his command at Fort Jessup and Camp Salubritas, consisting of seven companies 3d Dragoons, the 3d Infantry, and eight companies of the 4th Infantry, all of the units of the 1st division of the western division, to Texas—the infantry via New Orleans.

Under the above instructions, the 3d and 8th companies of the 4th Infantry were concentrated in this city, under the headquarters of the western division; and being here joined by a company of the 3d Infantry from Charleston harbor, under instructions from General Taylor, the 1st of August the seven companies of the 4th Infantry, and the 2d company of the 3d Infantry, were embarked for Texas, to join the 3d and 4th Infantry near Corpus Christi.

On the 15th of June, two companies of the 4th Infantry at Fort Scott were instructed from the adjutant-general's office to join the headquarters of the western division at the Gulf of Mexico.

My sincere desire is, as I have often said to you, and other officers with whom I have been in correspondence, to see the subject of my requisition to Mexico—if it can be done honorably, and pursuant to the laws of war—as I am sure this is the wish of the government and all good citizens of this Union.

protection of the persons and property of all non-combatants.

On the 4th of August, instructions were sent from the adjutant-general's office to Brigadier General Worth to detach, without delay, from the garrisons of St. Augustine and Fort Brooke, five companies of the 7th U. S. Infantry, plus the 2d and 3d companies of the 7th U. S. Infantry, plus the 2d and 3d companies of the 7th U. S. Infantry, plus the 2d and 3d companies of the 7th U. S. Infantry.

On the 5th of August, was duly furnished to the commanding general of the western division, directing the three companies of the 2d Dragoons at Fort Washita to proceed to Austin, in Texas, and report to General Taylor, and also the 7th Infantry, to proceed to the companies of the 8th, to proceed to Aransas bay.

On the 12th of August, were issued "general orders" No. 33, a copy of which was duly furnished to the commanding general of the western division, directing the 1st company of the 1st artillery to proceed to Fort Pickett and relieve the company of the 7th there, when the latter would join its regiment in Texas.

On the 15th of August, in consequence of information received from the commanding general of the 7th U. S. Infantry, who was just from the camp of General Taylor, of a large Mexican force being collected in the vicinity of the Rio Grande with hostile intent, and of the war spirit which prevailed in Mexico to a considerable extent, it was deemed expedient to consider the disposition of the well known limited means at General Taylor's disposal (about nine hundred infantry and no pieces of artillery) to repel a vigorous attack of any considerable body of Mexicans.

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