

# WINCHESTER ADVERTISER.

COLUMBIA UNITED, THE LAND OF FREEDOM, THE CLIME OF PEACE AND THE GRAVE OF TYRANTS.

NUM. 11.]

WINCHESTER, (KEN.) SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 15, 1814.

[VOL. 1.

THE WINCHESTER ADVERTISER  
PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY MORNING.

**MARTIN & PATTEN.**

CONDITIONS.

TWO DOLLARS and FIFTY CENTS,  
if paid within three months from the  
time of subscribing, or THREE DOL-  
LARS at the expiration of the year.

ADVERTISEMENTS are inserted at  
50 cents per square the first time, and  
25 cents for each continuance.

All letters to the editors must be post-  
paid.

AGENCY

For the Winchester Advertiser.

In MOUNT-STERLING—Mr. JOHN  
CAMPBELL.

## Southern War.

Head-Quarters, 7th Military District.  
MOBILE, Sept. 19, 1814.

SIR—I enclose you the General  
Order of the 13th inst, which gives  
you in detail, the glorious Victory ob-  
tained by Major Lawrence and his lit-  
tle Spartan band, over the combined  
attack by land and water of the British,  
Indians, and Spaniards.

Major Lawrence, his officers and  
men, have filled my highest hopes.  
They have immortalized themselves.  
They are covered with glory.

I also enclose you copies of Colonel  
Nicol's Proclamation and orders, and  
those of Sir William Henry Percy.

Colonel Nicol's has lost an eye in  
the late engagement, and Sir William  
Henry P. a ship, from which it is fair to  
presume we will not be troubled again  
with their Proclamations or orders.

I send those documents to you for  
publication.

I am respectfully, your most obedi-  
ent servant,

ANDREW JACKSON,

Major General Commanding.

Col. Andrew Hynes, Adjutant General  
of the State of Tennessee.

P. S. The Fort was never summon-  
ed—and when the flag staff was shot  
away, then alone the land force attempt-  
ed a charge.

On seeing it again raised, they back-  
ed out. Circumstances proving a de-  
termination to put the Garrison to the  
sword or Tomahawk.

HEAD-QUARTERS, TOWN  
OF MOBILE, Sept. 17, 1814.

Inspector Gen's Office, 7th Military  
District.

## GENERAL ORDERS.

Our companies in arms have triumph-  
ed over the enemy. At 4 o'clock  
P. M. on the 15th inst. Fort Bowyer was  
attacked, by a superior British naval  
and land force, and the enemy was re-  
pulsed at all points.—The naval force  
consisted of two ships from twenty-four  
to twenty-eight guns, mounting thirty-  
two pound carronades, two brigs, from  
sixteen to eighteen guns, mounting 24  
pound carronades, with three tenders,  
all under the command of Commodore  
Sir W. H. Percy. The land forces of  
the enemy consisted of one hundred  
marines, under the command of Colonel  
Nicol's, three hundred Indians, under  
the command of Capt. Woodbine  
of the British army, and a battery of a  
twelve pounder and a howitzer, under  
the direction of a British Capt. of the  
royal artillery. Our effective force op-  
posed to the enemy was about one hun-  
dred and twenty men, of whom not  
more than ninety were engaged.

The leading ship, called the Her-  
mes, Com. Sir W. H. Percy, having  
approached within the reach of our  
guns, our battery opened upon her;—  
the guns of which were fired in suc-  
cession as they could be brought to  
bear; and at 20 minutes after 4 P. M.  
the action became general. About this  
time the enemy on shore with Col. Nic-  
olis at the head of the marines, Capt.  
Woodbine at the head of their allies  
the Indians, and the Capt. of the Brit-  
ish artillery, with his battery were put  
to flight, by two discharges of grape  
and cannister from a nine pounder.—  
At 5 P. M. the Commodore's ship  
swung head on, to our battery, when  
we were enabled to rake her so effect-  
ually as to silence her guns. Having  
cut her cable by our shot, she drifted  
out and grounded stern on, within 700  
yards, which again afforded us an op-  
portunity of raking her, and we contin-  
ued doing so while there was light en-  
ough to see that her colors were fly-  
ing; just about sun-set the other ves-  
sels cut their cables and stood off with  
a light breeze, under a tremendous fire  
from our battery. At a quarter past 7  
we discovered the Commodore's ship  
to be on fire, and at 10 P. M. her mag-  
azine blew up.

We cannot ascertain the precise loss  
of the enemy, but from deserters, who  
came in the morning after the battle,

we learn that the commander and only  
20 men escaped from the Hermes—  
her crew being originally 170. That  
85 were killed and wounded on board  
the Charon. The loss on board the  
brigs is unknown, but must have been  
very great, from the circumstance of  
one of them being infinitely more ex-  
posed than the Charon. Our loss was  
four privates killed and five wounded.  
During the hottest part of the action  
our flag staff being shot away, the flag  
was immediately regained under a hea-  
vy fire of grape & cannister, and hoisted  
on a sponge staff and planted on the  
parapet.

This achievement of our brothers in  
arms is dear to us, and calls for, and  
will have the gratitude of a grateful  
country. Our arms have triumphed  
over the enemy. The brave officers,  
non-commissioned officers and privates  
under the command of the gallant Major  
Lawrence, have done their duty,  
and in point of cool and determined  
courage their conduct cannot be sur-  
passed. There was but one feeling  
pervaded every grade and rank thro'-  
out the whole action, and that was who  
should be foremost in the race of glory.  
With them the post of danger was  
the post of honor.

By command of Maj. Gen. Jackson.

A. P. HAYNE,

Inspr. Gen. and Acting Adj. Gen.

A list of the names of the officers  
present in the engagement which took  
place between the American forces at  
Fort Bowyer on the bay of Mobile,  
and the naval and land forces of his  
Britannic Majesty in conjunction with  
their Indian allies, on the 15th of Sep-  
tember, 1814.

Maj. Lawrence of the 2d Inf. com'r.

Capt. Walsh of the Artillerists.

Do. Chamberlain of the 2d Inf.

Do. Brownlow ditto

Do. Bradley ditto

Lieut. Niliard, (act. adj.) ditto

Do. Sturgus ditto

Do. Conway ditto

Do. H. Saunders ditto

Do. T. R. Saunders ditto

Do. Brooks ditto

Do. Davis ditto

Do. C. Saunders ditto

Captain Sands of the artillerists (and  
deputy commissary of ordinance) act-  
ing aid to the commanding officer, and  
superintending the supplies for the  
guns, &c.

A. P. HAYNE,

Inspr. Gen. & acting Adj. Gen.

NASHVILLE, October 3, 1814.

We have been furnished with the  
following documents by the adjutant  
general of the state for publication.

We behold in those of the enemy the  
continued disposition of exciting dis-  
union and internal commotion.

What will be the sentiments of the  
patriotic people of Kentucky, when  
their feelings are insulted by the pitif-  
ful proclamation of Col. Nicol's?—  
What indignation ought every friend  
to his country feel, when he learns the  
enemy has been forming a league with  
Lafite, the celebrated Pirate, who has  
been marauding the coast of New-Or-  
leans, and who has long had possession  
of the island of Barataria, and has there  
assembled a large force of traitors and  
smugglers?—they have there violated  
the laws and carried on an illicit trade  
by their agents in New-Orleans.—  
They have drained the country of Spe-  
cie, and caused the Banks of New-Or-  
leans to stop payment.

Who will be safe, when this league  
of iniquity, is joined with the Indians,  
and then with that part of the lower  
country, who are willing to stain the  
plains of Louisiana with the white blood  
of its citizens in the same awful man-  
ner as was exhibited some years ago  
in St. Domingo?

Citizens of Kentucky! the British  
commander has invited you to meet  
him—we hope you will go forth in all  
the majesty of your strength, and have  
a communion with him on the plains of  
Florida, or on the banks of the Missis-  
sippi.

Whig.

## BRITISH PROCLAMATIONS, &c.

By the Honorable William Henry Per-  
cy, Capt. of His Majesty's Ship  
Hermes, and senior officer in the  
Gulf of Mexico.

You are hereby requested and di-  
rected, after having received on board  
an officer belonging to the first battal-  
ion of Royal Colonial Marines, to pro-  
ceed in His Majesty's sloop under your  
command, without a moments loss for  
Barataria.

On your arrival at that place, you  
will communicate with the chief per-  
sons there; you will urge them to throw  
themselves under the protection of  
Great Britain; and should you find  
them inclined to pursue such a step,  
you will hold out to them, that their  
property shall be secured to them, that

they shall be considered British sub-  
jects, and at the conclusion of the war,  
lands in His Majesty's Colonies in A-  
merica, will be allotted to them. In  
return for these concessions, you will  
insist on an immediate cessation of hos-  
tilities against Spain; and in case they  
should have any Spanish property not  
disposed of, that it be restored, and that  
they put their naval force into the hands  
of the Senior officer here, until the com-  
mander in chief's pleasure is known.  
In the event of their not being inclined  
to act offensively against the United  
States, you will do all in your power to  
persuade them to a strict neutrality,  
and still endeavour to put a stop to their  
hostilities against Spain; should you  
succeed completely in the object for  
which you are sent, you will concert  
such measures for the annoyance of the  
enemy as you judge best from circum-  
stances, having an eye to the junction  
of their small armed vessels with me,  
for the capture of Mobile, &c. You  
will at all events, yourself, join me  
with the utmost despatch, at this post,  
with the account of your success.

Given under my hand, on board His  
Majesty's ship Hermes, at Pensacola,  
this 30th day of August, 1814.

(Signed)

W. H. PERCY, Capt.

NICHOLAS LOCKYER Esq. Commander  
of His Majesty's ship Sophia.

A true copy from the original, in my  
possession.

WILLIAM C. C. CLAIBORNE.

By the Honorable William Percy, Cap-  
tain of his Majesty's ship Hermes,  
and Senior officer in the Gulf of  
Mexico—

Having understood that some Brit-  
ish Merchantmen have been detained,  
taken into and sold by the inhabitants  
of Barataria, I have directed Captain  
Lockyer of His Majesty's Sloop So-  
phia, to proceed to that place, and to  
enquire into the circumstance, with  
positive orders to demand instant res-  
titution, and in case of refusal to de-  
stroy, to his utmost every vessel there,  
as well as to carry destruction over  
the whole place, and at the same time  
to assure him of the co-operation of  
all His Majesty's naval force on this  
station, I trust at the same time; that  
the inhabitants of Barataria consulting  
their own interest, will not make it ne-  
cessary to proceed to such extremities.  
I hold out at the same time, to them,  
a war instantly destructive to them, &  
on the other hand, should they be in-  
clined to assist Great Britain, in their  
just and unprovoked war against the  
United States. The security of their  
property, the blessings of the British  
constitution, and should they be in-  
clined to settle on the continent, lands  
will at the conclusion of the war, be  
allotted to them, in his majesty's col-  
onies in America.—In return for all  
these concessions, on the part of Great  
Britain, I expect that the direction of  
the armed vessels, will be put into my  
hands (for which they will be remun-  
erated) the instant cessation of hos-  
tilities against the Spanish government,  
and the restitution of any undisposed  
of property of that nation, should any  
inhabitants be inclined to volunteer  
their services into his Majesty's forces  
either naval or military, for limited  
service, they will be received, and if  
any British subject being at Barataria,  
wishes to return to his native country,  
he will on joining his majesty's service  
receive a free pardon.

Given under my hand on board H.  
M. ship Hermes, Pensacola, this  
1st day of September 1814.

(Signed)

W. H. PERCY, Capt.

and Senior officer.

MONSIEUR LAFITTE.

A true copy from the original in my  
possession.

W. C. C. CLAIBORNE.

Head-Quarters, Pensacola, Aug. 31.

SIR—I have arrived in the Florida  
for the purpose of annoying the only  
enemy G. Britain has in the world. As  
France and England are now friends,  
I call on you and your brave followers  
to enter into the service of Great-Brit-  
ain, in which you shall have the rank  
of captain. Lands will be given to you  
all, in proportion to your respective  
ranks, on a peace taking place; and I  
invite you on the following terms:

Your property shall be guaranteed to  
you, and your person protected. In  
return for which, I ask you to cease  
all hostilities against Spain, or the al-  
lies of Great-Britain:

Your ships and vessels to be placed  
under the orders of the commanding  
officer on this station, until the com-  
mander in Chief's pleasure is known.  
But I guarantee their fair value to you  
at all events.

I herewith enclose you a copy of my  
proclamation to the inhabitants of Lou-  
isiana, which will I trust, point out to  
you the honourable intentions of my

government.—You may be a useful as-  
sistant to me in forwarding them—  
therefore if you determine, lose no  
time. The bearer of this, Captain  
M'Williams, will satisfy on any other  
points you may be anxious to learn;  
as will Captain Lockyer, of the Sophia  
who carries him to you. We have a  
powerful reinforcement on its way  
here, and I hope to cut out some other  
work for the Americans than oppres-  
sing the inhabitants of Louisiana. Be  
expeditious on your Resolves, and rely  
on the verity of

Your very humble servant.

(Signed) EDW'D NICCOLS,

Lieut. Col. commanding

his B. Majesty's forces in

the Floridas.

To Monsieur LAFITTE, or  
The Commandant at Barataria.

By Lt. Col. Edward Niccols, command-  
ing his Britannic Majesty's forces  
in the Floridas.

Natives of Louisiana.—On you the  
first call is made, to assist in liberating  
from a faithless, imbecile government,  
your paternal soil.—Spaniards, French-  
men, Italians, and British, whether set-  
tled, or residing for a time in Louisi-  
ana, on you also I call to aid me in this  
just cause. The American usurpation  
in this country must be abolished, and  
the lawful owners of the soil put in pos-  
session. I am at the head of a large  
body of Indians, well armed, disciplin-  
ed, and commanded by British officers  
—A good train of artillery, with every  
requisite, seconded by the powerful  
aid of a numerous British and Spanish  
squadron of ships and vessels of war.  
Be not alarmed, inhabitants of the  
country at our approach—the same  
good faith and disinterestedness, which  
has distinguished the conduct of Brit-  
ons in Europe, accompanies them here.  
You will have no fear of litigious taxes  
imposed on you, for the purpose of car-  
rying on an unjust and unnatural war  
—your property, your laws, the peace  
and tranquility of your country, will be  
guaranteed to you, by men who will  
suffer no infringement of theirs—rest  
assured that these brave men only burn  
with an ardent desire of satisfaction,  
for the wrongs they have suffered from  
the Americans, to join you in liberat-  
ing these southern frontiers from their  
Yoke, and drive them into the limits  
formerly prescribed by my sovereign.

The Indians have pledged in the  
most solemn manner, not to injure in  
the slightest degree, the persons or  
properties of any but enemies to their  
Spanish or English Fathers.

A flag over any door, whether Span-  
ish, French, or British, will be a cer-  
tain protection. Nor dare any Indian  
put his foot on the threshold thereof,  
under penalty of death from his own  
countrymen. Not even an enemy will  
an Indian put to death, except resisting  
in arms. And as for injuring helpless  
women and children, the Red men, by  
their good conduct and treatment to  
them, will if it be possible, make the  
Americans blush for their more than  
inhuman conduct, lately on the Escam-  
bia, and within a neutral territory.

Inhabitants of KENTUCKY—You  
have too long borne with grievous in-  
justices. The whole brunt of the war  
has fallen on your brave sons—be im-  
posed on no longer; but either range  
yourselves under the standard of your  
forefathers, or observe a strict neutral-  
ity. If you comply with either of these  
offers, whatever provisions you send  
down, will be paid for in dollars; and  
the safety of the persons bringing it,  
as well as the free navigation of the  
Mississippi, guaranteed to you.

Men of Kentucky—Let me call to  
your view, (and I trust to your abhor-  
rence) the conduct of those factions  
which hurried you into this cruel, un-  
just and unnatural war, at a time when  
Great Britain was straining every nerve  
in defence of her own, and the liberties  
of the world—when the bravest of her  
sons were fighting and bleeding in so  
sacred a cause—when she was spend-  
ing millions of her treasure, in endea-  
vouring to pull down one of the most  
formidable and dangerous tyrants that  
ever disgraced the form of man—when  
groaning Europe was almost in her last  
gasp—when Britain alone shewed an  
undaunted front, basely did those as-  
sassin's endeavour to stab her from the  
rear.—She has turned on them, reno-  
vated from the bloody, but successful  
struggle. Europe is happy and free,  
and she now hastens justly to avenge  
the unprovoked insults. Shew them  
that you are not collectively unjust—  
leave that contemptible few to shift for  
themselves: let those slaves of the Ty-  
rant send an embassy to Elba, and im-  
plore his aid; but let every honest up-  
right American spurn them with mer-  
ited contempt.—After an experience  
of twenty-one years, can you any longer  
support those brawlers for liberty,  
who call it freedom, and when them-  
selves are free—Be no longer their

dupes—accept of my offer; and every  
thing I have promised in this paper, I  
guarantee to you, on the sacred honor  
of a British officer.

Given under my hand, at my head  
quarters, Pensacola, this 29th day of  
August, 1814.

(Signed)

EDWARD NICCOLS.

A true copy from the original in my  
possession.

W. C. C. CLAIBORNE.

## ATTACK ON FORT M'HENRY.

Copy of a letter from Lieut. Colonel  
Armistead, to the Secretary of War,  
dated

Fort M'Henry, Sept. 24, 1814.

A severe indisposition, the effect of  
great fatigue and exposure, has pre-  
vented me heretofore from presenting  
you with an account of the attack on  
this post. On the night of Saturday the  
10th inst. the British fleet, consisting  
of ships of the line, heavy frigates, and  
bomb vessels, amounting in the whole  
to 30 sail, appeared in the mouth of the  
Patapsco, with every indication of an  
attempt on the city of Baltimore. My  
own force consisted of one company of  
U. States' artillery, under Capt. Evans,  
and two companies of sea fencibles, un-  
der Capt. Bunbury and Addison. Of  
these three companies, 25 were unfor-  
tunately on the sick list, and unfit for  
duty. I had been furnished with two  
companies of artillery from the city of  
Baltimore, under Capt. Berry and  
Commandant Pennington. To these I  
must add another very fine company of  
volunteer artillerists, under Judge  
Nicholson, who had proffered their ser-  
vices to aid in the defence of this post  
whenever an attack might be appreh-  
ended; and also a detachment from  
Com. Barney's flotilla, under Lieut.  
Redman. Brig. Gen. Winder had also  
furnished me with 600 infantry, under  
the command of Lieut. Col. Stewart  
and Major Lane, consisting of detach-  
ments from the 12th, 14th, 36th & 38th  
Regiments of United States' troops—the  
total amounting to about 1000 ef-  
fective men.

On Monday morning very early, it  
was perceived that the enemy was land-  
ing troops on the east side of the Pa-  
tapsco, distant about ten miles. Dur-  
ing that day and the succeeding night,  
he had brought sixteen ships (includ-  
ing five bomb ships) within two miles  
and a half of this Fort. I had arranged  
my force as follows: The regular ar-  
tillerists under Capt. Evans, and the  
volunteers under Captain Nicholson,  
manned the bastions in the Star Fort.  
Captains Bunbury's, Addison's Red-  
man's, Berry's, and Lieut. Commandant  
Pennington's commands, were station-  
ed on the lower works, and the in-  
fantry under Lieut. Col. Stewart and  
Major Lane were in the outer ditch,  
to meet the enemy at his landing,  
should he attempt one.

On Tuesday morning about sun-rise,  
the enemy commenced his attack from  
his five bomb vessels, at the distance  
of about two miles, when, finding that  
his shells reached us, he anchored, and  
kept up an incessant and well-directed  
bombardment. We immediately open-  
ed our batteries, and kept a brisk fire  
from our guns and mortars, but unfor-  
tunately our shot and shells all fell con-  
siderably short of him. This was to  
me a most distressing circumstance,  
as it left us exposed to a constant and  
tremendous shower of shells, without  
the most remote possibility of our  
doing him the slightest injury. It  
affords me the highest gratification to  
state, that although we were left thus  
exposed, and thus inactive, not a man  
shrunk from the conflict.

About 2 o'clock, P. M. one of the 24  
pounders on the south west bastion,  
under the immediate command of Cap-  
tain Nicholson, was dismounted by a  
shell, the explosion from which killed  
his second Lieutenant, and wounded  
several of his men; the bustle neces-  
sarily produced in removing the wound-  
ed and re-mounting the gun probably  
induced the enemy to suspect that we  
were in a state of confusion, as he bro't  
in three of his bomb ships to what I  
believed to be a good striking distance.  
I immediately ordered a fire to be  
opened, which was obeyed with alacrity  
throughout the whole garrison, and in  
half an hour those intruders again shel-  
tered themselves by withdrawing be-  
yond our reach. We gave 3 cheers,  
and again ceased firing. The enemy  
continued throwing shells, with one  
or two slight intermissions, until one  
o'clock on the morning of Wednesday,  
when it was discovered that he had  
availed himself of the darkness of the  
night, and had thrown a considerable  
force above to our right; they had ap-  
proached very near to Fort Covington,  
when they began to throw rockets; in-  
tended, I presume, to give him an op-  
portunity of examining the shores—as  
I have since understood, that they had