

Andrew Jackson to John Strother, July 12, 1812, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO JOHN STROTHER.¹

¹ John Strother was an experienced frontiersman, well acquainted with the Indians south of Tennessee. Jackson depended much upon him in the early stages of his campaign against the Creeks. Captain Strother commanded one of the mutinous militia companies that gave trouble in 1814 and was convicted by a court martial and dismissed the service. Colonel Lowry was a friendly Cherokee chief.

Nashville, July 12, 1812

Capt. John Strother will please say to Colo. Lowry that we are ready to march to the creek nation we wait only to hear from the agent of the creek nation to know whether the murderers are to be delivered up with the prisoner, that we have men enough that when we march I want as many of his men together with himself as will be sufficient for guides, that if any plan can be devised, so that in the time of action, our friends and brothers the Cherokees can be distinguished from the Creeks I would rejoice to have him and his regiment in the field, but fearfull in the heat of battle some of my warriors, might mistake our friends and brothers the cherokees for the Creeks, and thro mistake might kill our friends, which would leave a lasting grief upon my mind, it has been concluded that twenty five will be only wanted, and these only as pilots, that in an engagement I will keep them near me so that mistake cannot happen. make my Compliments to the Colo. and his warriors. Yrs with respect