

Frankfort Ky, March 28<sup>th</sup> 1813

Sir  
You will no doubt be astonished at receiving a letter from me at this place when my duty makes it necessary for me to be at Vincennes. But I trust Sir it will be a sufficient apology my informing you that I was subpoenaed by Genl Hopkins to attend a Court of enquiry now sitting at this place for the purpose of investigating his conduct relative to his command and the mounted Volunteers from this state last fall. And I trust my absence for a short time from Vincennes will not injure the recruiting service. There are only two officers in the district that has been assigned me that can be put on the recruiting service both of which are now actively employed. And I am

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in hopes that when the their population comes  
to be taken into view that they will suc-  
=cede tolerable well. And I am of opinion  
that about four other officers might be  
employ'd to a advantage in the two Territo-  
=ries and should be glad they were order'd there  
could they be spared from other places.

Should my conduct, <sup>be</sup> censured on this occasion  
I am in hopes that Genl Hopkins who  
will be at the city in a short time, will  
fully have it in his power to explain to the  
Secretary of War the necessity there was for  
my attending the enquiry

With great respect Sir  
Genl. Tho. H. Cushing remain your Obedt Servt

J. Taylor Capt  
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P. S. I shall not delay on moment in this  
country after I am discharged by the  
Court  
J. T.