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I have the honor to enclose you a Certificate from Colonel Freeman of my having attended the Troops at Fort Claiborne & during the time therein specified. Col. Freeman has shown me a letter from Col. Cushing saying that Doctor Slocum is Sent to take Charge of the Sick in Consequence of some Complaints Against me. I feel injured that Any Notice should have been taken of complaints through an improper Channel. I performed that service faithfully, & honestly as the Commanding Officer & every other at this place will testify Capt. Wolstencraft excepted, who became Offended with me as he did with every body Else who did not join him in Persecuting the late Capt. Cooper. I am persuaded that no other person but Capt. Wolstencraft [Wollestoncraft] could have made Any Complaints Against me, & that he did it from a Vindictive Malicious motive, who, I believe to be more influenced by those than Any other passions; & Wolstencraft [Wollestoncraft] of all mankind Ought to be the last to injure me from the great obligations he has a thousand times Acknowledged himself under to me; but I have have before known those who would always perfer Cancelling an obligation by a quarrel, to Any Just return that would Cost $8.

The War Department in recording the date when the letter was received (February 6, 1808) gave the place and date—"Natchitoches, 29th November, 1808."

Captain Turner with a detachment of troops took possession of Natchitoches on April 26, 1804. Soon afterwards, Doctor Sibley was appointed contract surgeon to care for the troops, a position he held until November, 1808. Clarence Edwin Carter, Territorial Papers of the United States, IX, 288, 307.