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On Subsisting Seminole  
emigrants

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Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 1841

March 20<sup>th</sup> "

Seminole Affairs

War Department  
Office Indian Affairs  
February 6<sup>th</sup> 1841.

Sir,

Brigadier General W. K. Armstrong, of the United States Army, commanding in Florida, has this day been instructed to emigrate the Indians he may have captured, or that have surrendered. This duty it is expected he will enter upon without any unnecessary delay. It will therefore be <sup>proper</sup> necessary to make some preparation for their reception, and the furnishing of them with provisions for the year - and with the view of giving all the information I can, and of affording the best opportunity of adopting whatever steps can be taken in the absence of precise information I now write you - as soon as I know the exact number, (which I have requested Genl. Armstrong to state) I will again address you, as well as communicate any further particulars which may reach me.

It is supposed the number that will now emigrate will be from four to six hundred, but in making a contract it can be so arranged as to be for "more or fewer" - so that in any event the United States will not be subject to a claim for damages.

Major W. Armstrong  
Supt. Indian Affairs  
Choctaw Agency, West of Kentucky -

Very Respectfully  
Your Obedt. Servt  
Martin Dyerford.