

Letter to Gen. Gaines
Col. Townson
1818

James M. Howard

Resident of the

of the

New Dept
24th Sept 1818

Dear Sir,

I enclose you a copy
of my letter to Gen. Gaines in reply
to his of the 8th inst; a copy of which
I have also transmitted to Gen. Jackson.

I enclose a letter from Gen. Smith
and from Gen. Winder recommending
Col. Townson to fill the place lately
held by Col. W. B. Lewis. You know
Col. Townson personally, and it will
be well for me to state the high
estimation in which he is held.

in the army. The act of the last Sep. has left him without his best pay, and he only draws that of a Captain, on which he has to support himself & family. He finds it so inadequate, that, he states, he will be compelled to leave the service. I do not know

how far it would be proper to fill the vacancy by one out of the corps, but if it should be so determined, I am sure a more worthy & deserving officer cannot be found.

Accept the assurance of my respect

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Yours sincerely

J. C. Calhoun.