

with Lewis; I mean attend to it, get the special act passed
which you can easily do by attesting facts in a petition
and then you get the money, which you are authorized
to, in fact guarantee of it, are let it be so arranged
to be avoided to be as early as possible; - The money
may be wanted to meet some of my engagements - I don't
know of how far they will last here -



John Thomas of Dublin

Leaving for

Haystack Court

Kentucky

Write me immediately upon the receipt of the
money, and send the paper to
Louisiana via Washington City - Tell sister that
I have a splendid collection of shells for her with my
books, and I would be some letters from a bird
with officers eyes is more beautiful than the
one - My most affectionate regards to
them all -
Your affectionate brother
Wm. Lewis

New Orleans Oct 31st 1837

My Dear Brother

You will probably be a
good deal surprised, when you discover
from the post mark of this letter that I
am at the famous city of the South
, and not less surprised when I tell you
I am at the head of 72 noble young men
destined to plant their maiden swords
against the heels of Florida, but my way was
not as you have placed me here, and so I am -

I was placed at the head of 5 companies
at Columbia Mo, and marched them to Jefferson
Baracks, and reported myself to Gen. Atkinson
and then remained in camp until Colo Gen. Taylor with
the balance of the Regt came up, when we are
embarked in two Florida Steamers, the McLouis
and the United States, and reached the Baracks
9 miles below this city last night, all in good
health - As yet I am delighted with the life of
a soldier, at Jefferson Baracks, I was highly dis-
tinguished and noticed by Maj Gen James A
Atkinson and his family, who by the politeness of