

Head Quarters, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade  
Army South of the Apalachicola  
Fort Gardner, Dec. 17. 1837.

Order

In consequence of a Surgeons certificate of ill health  
and by the recommendation of his Colonel, Capt. Russell of  
the Missouri Volunteers, is permitted to visit Tampa Bay for  
the benefit of his health. when sufficiently restored, the Captain  
will report for duty in his company in the field.

By order of

Col. Taylor  
Geo. S. Griffin  
Adj. General

Note. at the time Capt. Russell left the Army, it was expected  
the War would terminate without bloodshed. as the hostiles  
had made propositions to surrender and it was my opinion  
that they would do so amicably.

Fort Basinger  
East Florida  
Feby, 8<sup>th</sup> 1838

Z. Taylor Col  
1<sup>st</sup> Reg. U.S. Infy  
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