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I have no legal evidence of
the justice of Dr Brittons Claim
but am satisfied from the repre-
sentations of Mr Pickens his wife
that the soldiers of Featherstones Brig-
ade and other troops under Genl Feath-
erstone did get about five thousand
pounds of pork and five hundred bushels
potatoes the first night after we
landed at the mouth of Rolling-
fork as to the mule and
corn it is certain that our troops
got a good mule from Mr.
Pickens which they never return-
ed - it is supposed that Bledsoes Bat-
tery got the mule; that however is not
certain. The item of corn on the acct
stands on the same testimony of the
other. Some of the troops here
will acknowledge any thing about
the pork, potatoes, or any thing else
they seem to think they are to be
charged for it

Respectfully

H. E. Miller Lt. Adj. Genl
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Mr Britton's
claims for
property taken
on Deer creek