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required to keep a journal of our Invasion of New Mexico and California, my notes were recorded from day to day in a book left open for inspection, and sent occasionally to the Commanding General to read. In this I found great advantage for when these notes were assailed by Mr. Benton, with all the power and venom he could so readily command, stimulated in this case by cupidity, he failed to squelch them, but on the contrary, his philippic was followed by an order from the House of Representatives directing 20,000 copies to be printed; so I have nothing to refresh my recollections on this point, but I believe we went by sail. From Charleston we crossed by _____ to Augusta, Georgia. At Augusta we found Captn. Dimmock Commissary, sent there to purchase and forward supplies to the Troops marching on the Creek Nation. Under authority from Gen. Scott to take the first Lieut. that came along, who was not in command of a Company to assist him, he ordered me to report to him for duty in Augusta. I protested earnestly against the duty as I had already waived a much desired appointment to serve with my Regiment in the field. Dimmock tho' a warm personal friend declined peremptorily to withdraw his demand. Fortunately for me before the matter was completed, Gen. Scott arrived in Augusta from Florida, on his way to take command in the Creek Nation. On referring the matter to him, he decided in my favor, and in a few days we were on the march across Georgia to Columbus, on the confines of the rich country then occupied by the Creeks. On the arrival of Gen. Scott in Augusta, a most disgraceful attempt was made to get up a charivari to insult him, and aid in causing his recall from the command of the Army. The General had incautiously asked for several thousand "good Troops" "not volunteers". This, with the delay in closing the Florida War, and some other expressions made him at that time unpopular at the South. Captain Robinson, a lawyer, and a soldier, of Augusta, however subdued and dispersed the mob.