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Head Quarters Eastern Division  
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A sufficient number of Troops having arrived or known to be approaching, the collection of the Indians within the Cherokee Country, preparatory to their emigration beyond the Mississippi, will be commenced in Georgia on the 24<sup>th</sup> Inst, or as soon thereafter as this order may be received, & in the adjoining States, ten days later.

The commanding officer at every fort & open Station will first cause to be summoned & brought in as many Indians, the nearest to his fort or station, as he may think he can secure at once, & repeat the operation until he shall have made as many prisoners as he is able to collect & send off, under a proper escort, to the most convenient of the emigrating depots, - the Cherokee Agency, Ross Landing, & Gunter's Landing.

These operations will be again and again repeated under the order of the command of the respective Districts, until the whole of the Indians shall have been collected for emigration.

In many cases it may be almost impracticable for the Commander of an open Station to escort his prisoners to one of the distant emigrating depots mentioned above. It is recommended therefore to such commanders, when necessary, to send his prisoners under a proper escort to the nearest fort in the direction of one of those depots, where to wait for a farther escort.

On the arrival of the Indian