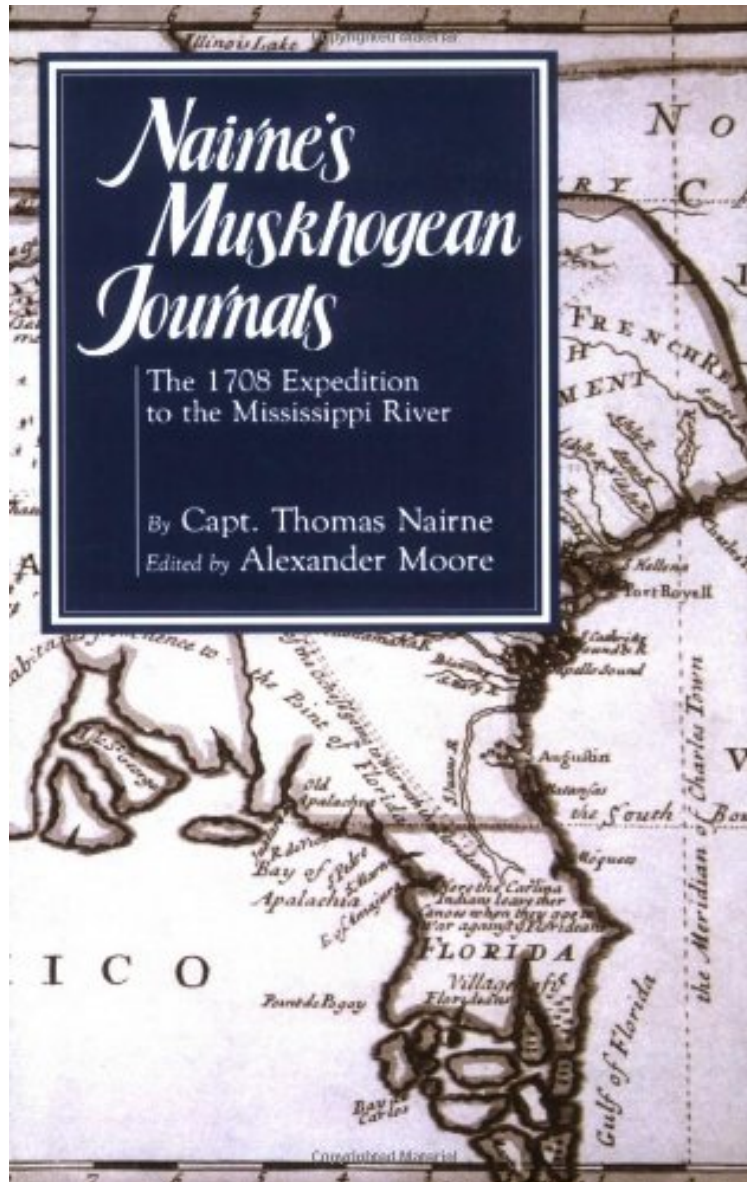


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Nairnes Muskogean Journals: The 1708 Expedition to the Mississippi River, printed from a previously unpublished manuscript in the British Library, is the earliest known account in English of Muskogean society. It chronicles a remarkable diplomatic episode in Colonial Indianwhite relations.In the winter and spring of 1708, Captain Thomas Nairne and Thomas Welch, a Carolina trader among the Chickasaws, accompanied by a group of Indians, left Charles Town and traveled west to the Mississippi River and south nearly to the Gulf of Mexico. This expedition was a key to English strategy during Queen Annes War. Nairne visited the Chickasaws to confirm that tribes allegiance to the English and then went south among the Choctaws in a futile attempt to draw that powerful tribe away from their loyalty to the French.Although he shared the racial and cultural biases of contemporaneous Englishmen, he knew the importance of the Indians as allies and enemies and so conducted his diplomatic negotiations as among equals when he visited the southern tribes. This knowledge of the Indians importance seems to have tempered his biases, and the diplomatic mission became a study of Indian life and culture.Nairne recorded in great detailand with the eye of a critic of the Muskogean society and his own. His accounts include discussions of marriage and mourning ceremonies, rituals and techniques of hunting and warfare, and, most important, the political culture of the Chickasaws and Creeks. Nairnes scientific analysishe collected data and then drew conclusionsof the matrilineal and consensual bases of Muskogean society has not been surpassed by any other early observer. Thus, Nairnes Muskogean Journals: The 1708 Expedition to the Mississippi River is a rich source of information important to anthropologists, archaeologists, and colonial historians.

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