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Agreesable to Battalion orders of the 15th of October 1825 an
Election was held at the house of David Monroes for Captain to
Command the 73rd Co. Distr. of G. M. to fill the vacancy of Capt.
Henry Linch resigned the following were voters to wit

1 Hardy Philips	15 Isaac Coleman
2 Jehew Sawyers	16 James Albareton
3 Noah Scorrius	17 Jorden Ligget
4 Simean Lodge	18 Bryant Bass
5 George Bass	19 Joshua Burnet
6 John Haselip	20 David Hutchens
7 Wm Linch	21 David Wooderd
8 Wm Ross	22 Richard B. Scanyers
9 Levi Coleman	23 John Bass
10 Turner Scarborough	24 Levi Lodge
11 Wm Narsworthy	25 John Linch
12 Barnes Wooderd	26 Charles Nichols
13 Eleazur Johnston	27 Israel Handburg
14 Jesse Bass	28 Silas Scarborough
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Candidate

Henry White - - - 28 -

We the Judges of the foregoing Election do certify that Henry
White was duly elected. Capt for the 73rd Company district G. M.-
Burke County, as will appear by refference to the poles -
12th of Nov. 1825 -

Levi Calhoun
Stephen Corker I. P.
John Lodge J. WQ

Return of Election
for a Militia officer
from Burke County -

Henry White Captain
73d Company
vice
Henry Linch

Comd 21 Nover 1825

(Reverse)

Louisville Ga
Oter 18th

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His Excellency George M. Troup
Governor -
Millidgeville

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Consolidated Return of the elections held for a Colonel,
Lieut. Colonel, and Major - of the first Regiment of Mounted
Volunteers.

For Colonel

Thomas Beall	338
James Love	125
John H. Howard	83
Marcus	2
Holland	1

For Lieut. Colonel

Henry P. Thomas	68
B. Strickland	67
H. B. Gaither	53
Wm W. Coker	50
J. B. M. Carter	29

For Major

David B. Bush	168
Henry Morgan	70
J. M. M. Carter	27
John T. Lamar	1
Brown	1

Washington -

Dec^r 6 1825

My dear Sir,

I have addressed a communication to Gen^l Bernard, on the subject of your letter.

I shall probably hear from him in the course of today or tomorrow.- I thought it better to consult the General before I wrote to M^r Bolton, as from the delicacy of the General's military relation to the Gov^t of the U. S. I entertain some apprehension that he may not only decline the preferred employment, but also feel indisposed that it should be known that even such an offer were tendered him.-- I will do myself the pleasure of writing you as soon as I hear from the General.-

I am, dear Sir, very truly & resp^y
yrs -

His Exc^y)
G. M. Troup.)

Edw^d F. Tattnall.

Hon^l E. F. Tattnall

Dec^r 6. 1825

Enquiries

(REVERSE)

Free
Tattnall
Ml.

His Exc^y

Geo: M: Troup,
Executive office,
Milledgeville
mail. Geo^d

Augusta 8th December 1825

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His Excellency

George M. Troup

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the third instant which came to hand by this Evening's mail. I shall take the first opportunity of making the Enquiry you desire of the Commanding officer of the U. S. Arsenal at this place with regard to the advance of Swords & Pistols which you desire to obtain not understanding on what terms or to what extent your Excellency expects this advance to be made. I have thought it best to address you immediately so that there may be no necessary delay in consequence of my present ignorance of your wishes

I have the honor to be

Your obedt Servt

Henry H. Cumming

(Reverse)

May 12p

His Excellency

George M. Troup

Governor &c

Milledgeville

Col^d H Cumming

& December 1825

Arms

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Augusta 18th December 1825

His Excellency

George M. Troup

Since I had last the honor of addressing your Excellency I have had an interview with the Commanding Officer of the U. S. Arsenal on the subject of the arms you desired to obtain from that depot. I am sorry to say that Major Payne, 'the disposed to Comply) with your request, does not feel himself authorised to make any disposition of the arms under his care without an order from the head of his Department.

Respectfully

Your obdt Servt

Henry H. Cumming

(Reverse)

Co.¹ H. H. Cumming
18 Decem 1825

P Arms

His Excellency

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George M. Troup

Governor &c &c

Milledgeville

Fert Mitchel Jan^y 1st 1826

Dear Sir

On the 23^d I visited Fert Mitchel, and on my return which was on the 24th I was informed that Mr Cashin (one of my men) had raised a considerable Meeting amongst the command of my men and had attempted to injure them by frequent attacks, and they were determined to remain no longer without a discharged Mr Cashin, I informed them that I found they were in a passion and I would not say any thing to Mr Cashin at the time, At Night whilst at the store of Mr. Nichols I proposed that in consequence of the scarcity of wood we should retire a short distance to the woods, and requested them to go to the tent and get them Blankets, when Mr. Cashin commenced a quarrel with Mr Bugg, I immediatly went to the tent and informed them that I would not suffer such a disturbance, and observed to Cashin I thought him the principal cause of the disturbance. He imedeatly snached his Gun which he had previously loaded saying at the time He should Kill the first man who made him mad, and drew his Knife and made several attempts to stab me with his Knife. I gave back and one of my men handed me a Gun which I permitted him to take from me, thinking probably that he would then desist he still rushed on me, when I gave back, Mr Nichols came in when he drew his Knife an was in the act of rushing on me, when I could find no alternative but to shoot him. My object was to disable him from Killing me, but it was dark and the shot entered above the pelvis, which wounded the intestence and produced a mortification of the intestines

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and he died on the 27th. I have laboured hard and bin at considerable expence, and would request of your excellency to continue my survey but should you feel disposed so, I am ready to resign myself to the officers in such county as you should mention,

Your Excellency will be so good as to write me by mail and direct your letter to Fort Mitchel, I remain Your

most obt

Humble Servt

Jno. McTyre

John McTyre

Is

Surveying

N^o 257

Creek Agency G.W.)

1st January)

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His Excellency G. M. Troup

Milledgeville

Geo.

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Savannah, January 6. 1826-

My dear Sir.

A plea was unwillingly advanced, last year, to relieve me from any unfavourable impression on your mind growing out of a failure in my military duty. Unwillingly, because I delight in that duty, and from the nature of the plea- professional obligations.

Since the date of my letter, your Excellency has seen that my Fellow Citizens have deemed me not unworthy of the highest office of our City. I feel now, as always heretofore, sensibly, strongly, the honour you were pleased to award in receiving me into your military family - an honour originally coveted, and which the events of the last three years, of political character, have taught me still more strongly to appreciate.

I am fearful that I shall not have it in my power to leave Savannah on a military Circuit at the period when it is probable the reviews will take place under General Orders - I do not wish to be called on again by circumstances to apologize for a failure. And believing it is right that I deem my civil duties here paramount to those of my aidship, it seems just that I write to your Excellency, and inquire whether I can be permitted to retain my appointment with the probability of its duties not being performed. If not, it is incumbent on me to tender my resignation, that an aid may be made in my stead. If the reviews were in the Fall of the year, there would be little difficulty with me, tho they would be unseasonable for the citizens. But the Spring and first summer months - the business time within Savannah, and the usual period for military parades - will, I apprehend, demand my most vigilant care in the Police office. To perform its duties, I have entirely abandoned the practice of my profession out of the city. -

Permit me to ask that I (torn) be favoured with a (torn) on this subject and that your Excellency will continue to consider me your friend

Joseph W Jackson

(On Reverse)

J. W. Jackson Jan^y 6. 1826
Military Miscellaneous

Governor Troup 18²₄
Milledgeville Geo -

mail

Joe Jackson
ad

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To Brig. Genl. J. V. Harris,

Abreably to brigade orders I have reviewed and inspected the volunteers attach'd to my regiment which will appear within - the small turn out on that day may be attributed to the prevailing colds in the districts in which the men reside - In remarking on the general appearance of this Corps, it gives me pleasure to state that they present an animated spirit of military order and patriotism - and considering the limited time since their organization promised efficiency and usefulness - Should their patriotism be tested by Service.

Very respectfully your ob St

Jos. W. Robinson, Col.

18 Regt G. M.

Washington Feby 6 1826

Warrenton 22nd Feby 1826

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His Excellency Gov Troup

Sir - We have seen an Order addressed to our Col
(12 Regt) in which it is Stated that arms will be furnished volunteer
Corps when regularly Organized - Aware of the "Situation in which the
Country finds itself,, we have lately formed a volunteer Corps in this
neighborhood: But as it is expressly mentioned in the Subscription
which contains the members names, that the discription of arms Shall
be chosen by the majority of the company; and as it essential that we
Should Know distinctly what discription of arms your Excellency would
be pleased to furnish us with before the selection is made by the com-
pany we have to request that on this subject your Excellency would give
us early information - It is desired to Know also on what terms these
arms can be obtained, that is, whether Bond & security will be required,
& where the security must reside in Milledgeville or Warren County &c
&c - The undersigned assure your Excellency that in their opinion, what-
ever the present crises may demand of this company, it will neither
dishonor your Excellencys Service nor its own name

The Company will be organized immediately upon the receipt of an
answer hereto-

Jno. W A Pettit

Tho^s C. Evans

With the highest Respect

Your obt Servts

(On reverse)

Letter

Pettit & Evans

22 Feby 1826

P - Arms

Answer Written

23^d Feby 1826

(Address)

Warrenton Ga

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22nd Feby

His Excellency G. M Troup

Commander in chief of the
militia of Geor^{gia}

Milledgeville

March 15th 1826

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Commissioned Officers

Remarks

Michael. F. Boisclair)
Captain)
Geo. W. Summers, 1st Lt.
Ed. Bugg. 2^d Lt.

Every member, returned in this Company, as present, is in full uniform - The men are well Equipped, and generally well mounted. - The arms are in Pretty good order, and fit for service - The Corps is well officered, well informed, and makes a fine appearance, - The absent, are reported to be equally well equipped & uniformed

John Cormick, Capt.
W. H. Egan, 1st Lt.
Jas. Smith, 2d Lt.
W. Rankin, Ensign

The men returned, present are all in full uniform. - The arms inspected are in superior order, and fit for immediate service. - The Corps is well uniformed, well officered, and well drill'd. - Its whole appearance is martial, and highly creditable. - The absent are reported by their Commander, to be equally well drilled, equipped, and uniformed -

Nath. L. Sturges, Jun.)
Captain
Wm P. Ford, 1st Lt
W. Bones, 2^d Lt
Y. S. McKeen, Ensign

The men present, are all in full uniform. - The Arms inspected and returned as good, and fit for service, and some of them in very good order. - Those returned as bad, are very bad. - The Company is well officered, well disciplined, and appears well in every respect - The absent are returned as being well uniformed, & well equipped -

Alfred Cumming Capt. 1st Lt.)
Ch^s P. Merriman, 1st Lt.
Gerard M^cLaughlin, 2nd Lt.
W^m A. Grant, Ensign

The men present are all in full uniform - Those absent are returning likewise. - The Rifles are all fit for service. They appear to have been made for Bayonets; but now are attached to them. - The Corps is composed of fine men, well officered, very well equipped, and well drilled, - I would add, that all these Corps, are animated by a military pride, & spirit, and it is seldom, that four Corps of equal, respectability, & discipline are found in Towns of the size of Augusta. -

No return, - This Company only exists, in name

No return, - This Company only
Augusta March 15th 1826 I certify the above return to be correct -
B. Bigelow

Alonzo B Bigelow

Inspector 1st Brigade 2^d Division

Geo. M.

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Return of Volunteer Corps

10th Regiment Geo. M. March 15^a 1826

Warrenton 30th March 1826

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His Excellency Gov Troup

Sir We have engaged Mr. Hugh Ward to deliver to us Seventyfive Stands of Muskets with bayonets which your Excellency informed us some time since would be delivered to our order - The blank bond sent us is filled up for Seventyfive muskets & bayonets, but should Mr. Ward not be able to bring so many we presume that fifty will be delivered to him upon his giving a receipt for them - We filled the bond with seventy five believing our company would shortly increase to that number, in which case Should Ward receive only fifty Guns we will be authorised to draw again on the same bond for twenty-five more - Nothing was written us relative to cartridge Boxes, if however there are any in the Arsenal & we receive them a bond will be filled for them likewise - Your Excellency informed us Some time since that the guns could be obtained by the capt & Lieut^s giving bond &c, We do not however believe that it was intended that the Capt & Lieut should first be commissioned. But we have supposed the Capt & Lieut Elect was intended - This opinion has been formed on reading the Law which makes it necessary first to procure the arms as a sort of condition precedent to the obtainment of our commissions (Pamphlet P 15 Sec 13) - A considerable time has elapsed Since the return of the result of the election for officers to Command the "State Guards" was made to your Excellency without anything more being Communicated to you in relation to the progress of that Corps - This delay has been created in a great measure in consequence of the difficulty which presented itself not only in this, but also in every other undertaking of a similar kind in the country in procureing. the Clothing & equipment - Our understanding at present is that whenever our Col. shall certify that forty men are armed & uniformed in compliance with the aforementioned Section that your Excellency will then send our com-

missions. If however Sir this is not the case, & there is any difficulty in the way to those commissions we would thank your Excellency to be good enough to inform us of it.

With the highest Respect
Your Excellencys Obt Servts

John W A Pettit
Orville A Bull

(On reverse)

Letter

Capt. John W. A Pettit
dated 30th March 1826.

Arms

Ans^d by E. Wood

31st March 1826

Public Arms

His Excellency Gov Troup

Milledgville

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Ordered that the military Store Keeper deliver to Hugh Ward for the use of the "State Guards" a Volunteer Company of Infantry in Warren-ton, Commanded by John W. A. Pettit, fifty muskets & bayonets, taking M^r Ward's receipt A Bond for the return of the same in good order whenever required by the Governor has been filed in this office.

Attest

E Wood

by

(On reverse)

Order

to th Millry Store Keeper

Public Arms

31st. March 1826

Georgia

Hall County

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Sir

This is to Certify, that the Company Known & Syled the Hall County Rifle Company attached to the 94th Battalion beat, Commanded by myself; Have Forty five Privats in Complete Uniform. As the retunes of an Election for sd officers Already Rec^d by your Excellency under Date Nov 25th or Oct 28th 1926 which is not at present Recollected by me & you will please have reference & Commision agreeably to the return Certified by the managers (Vis) Elijah Roberts Capt. and Joseph Baker Ensign; the rest being removed we deem it not necessary to Commision thees who have removed or declined.

Given under my Hand

April 2nd

A. B. Hardin May^r

94 Bat

Certificate

A. B. Hardin

Mayor 94 Battn.

Hall Riflemen

Volunteer Companys.

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Sparta 15th April 1826

Sir

I have the Honor of transmitting herewith to your Excellency the Annual Return of Inspection of the second Brigade of the second Division Georgia Militia, as taken by me this month; which I hope may be found correct;

I have made such remarks in the return as I deemed necessary, in relation to the state of the troops &c.- And I now take the liberty of observing that there is a great want of military subordination both among officers and men; where the fault is, I can hardly divine, unless it rests with the field officers of the line; this I am inclined to think is the fact, particularly in the thirteenth Regiment, which is in Washington County; the Colonel, Morgan Brown, has not been on parade at any Inspection or Review that I recollect of. Since General Abercrombee has been in Command, nor has he had a full Staff; or, as has been represented to me; has he been sufficiently prompt in the distribution of orders, to ensure a full and Complete service of them on all the privates by the now Commissioned officers, and of Course not a full attendance of the men on the day of Inspection; your Excellency will perceive that the aggregate of that Regiment this year is only 810. exclusive of Cavalry, and by a reference being had to my Return of 1823 of same Regiment, that the aggregate was 972 exclusive of Cavalry; this great disparity is not owing in my opinion to an actual depreciation of the men by deaths or removal, but a want of discipline in the officers, and a due attention of field officers; and the want of an active Adjutant, an officer whom Col^l Brown has not had for three Reviews past. I have so far as my authority enabled me endeavoured to remedy this remissness, and to instill into both officers and men something like discipline and Military pride; and have the satisfaction of knowing that my endeavours have not been in vain in

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the County of Hancock, but in Washington where the field officers do not second my endeavour the impression is but faint indeed. - It is indeed a source of regret, that men holding high Commission in the line should not feel a stronger sense of duty, and are not in possession of a higher feeling of military pride, than to act so remiss

I herewith also transmitt a return of the Volunteer Troop of Hancock County, taken from the return of the Col^l of the 15th Regiment, to which said troop is attached. Co.^l Morgan Brown, of Washington, has not as yet, transmitted any return of Inspection of the two Volunteer choirs of that County, so soon as they are received (if however they ever are) from him; A Return will be instantly transmitted to your Excellency.-

I have the Honor to be very Respectfully

Your^s &c Phillip T Schley

Brigade Inspector

2^d Brigade 2^d Division G. M.

(On reverse)

To His Excellency

George M. Troup.

Milledgeville

Geo

Politeness

John T. Williams Esq^r

2^d. R. 2 Division

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Head Quarters

2^d Brigade 2^d Division G.M.

Sparta 15. April 1826

In obedience to orders from His Excellency the Commander in Chief, which were issued through this department Colonel Thomas Coleman, the Commander of the fifteenth (15) Regiment G.M. has made a return to this department of the Hancock Troop of Cavalry which is attached his Regiment; viz.- That the Hancock Troop of Cavalry, Consists of forty three, officers and men, which are enrolled, that they are all in uniform, and all of them fit for duty, that they have forty three swords, eighty six pistols; the swords are of good quality, the pistol with the exception of two or three brace, verry indifferent; that the officering, equipment and appearance of the troop is fine, the Commanding officer is Sophos Staples Captain, that he has been particularly attentive to the well organized and disciplined state of the Troop; and is an officer who is highly deserving of Credit. that this is the only Volunteer Corps. attached to the 15 Regiment.

I Certify the foregoing to be abstrat of the Return of the Col^l of the 15 Regiment, in relation to the Volunteer Corps attached to his Regiment.

By order of General Abercrombie,

Philip T. Schley

Brigade Inspector 2 Bri

2 Div. G.M.

Warrenton 8th May 1826

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His Excellency the Gov^r

Sir. Some time ago when, as I understood, you were on a visit to your place in Lawrence, I sent a Mr Ward to Milledgeville for the muskets which your Excellency had previously notified me could be obtained for the use of the "State Guards". Fifty of those muskets were accordingly received, but a great many of them are in such bad condition that it is impossible they can ever be rendered useful. One object in making this communication is to know of your Excellency whether those totatly useless guns, may be exchanged for other & better ones, if they may, they will be returned - Such of those muskets as are useless would have been sent back to the Arsenal by Eliphalet Hale who is now on his way to Milledgeville for more muskets if I had supposed they would have been recieved.

Upon the receipt of the muskets, Seeing what situation they were in, Curiosity lead me to examine the report of the military committee of a recent Legislature appointed to examine the State of the Arsenal. By that report it appears that upwards of 1300 new muskets & upwards of 200 old ones were in the Arsenal. And it is singular that the person in the management of the Arsenal at the time of Wards arrival there could not permit my company the use of some of those 1300 new muskets. That person was not D^r Kennan, for I had previously thereto requested him to make a selection of good guns for me, and the Doc^t politely informed me that my request Should be Strictly complied with, and from my own acquaintance with him, & from the reputation given him by others I am sure that had he been at home (Ward says he was not) that the muskets sent here would never have been thrown upon a Volunteer company - I do not doubt however that the gentleman whoever he was, that attended to the Arsenal in the absence of D^r Kennan, done what to him seemed proper in preventing a choice being made of the guns; & perhaps this was right enough as he was not himself the keeper - Ward said that he was

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told that the Rule was, that the guns must go out of the Arsenal as they went into it. If this rule does obtain Sir, my object is to know whether it may not be dispensed with in this instance - In the distribution of the public arms there is a rule which seems to me ought rather to prevail, it is this, that when men are patriotic enough to assemble voluntarily in a Military company, the best arms to be had ought always to be furnished - The muskets I received were many of them nearly half full of old cartridges and as dirty as they could possibly be made - the bayonets and ramrods were lying loosely among them, neither fastened to the guns, nor belonging to them - They can not be made to fit -

I would be glad to know of your Excellency whether Cartridges Boxes, Wipers &c can be obtained from the Arsenal I know not of whom I may more properly make this enquiry, if I make it of the Keeper it will still be necessary to apply to the Executive - I did make it once before in the communication which reached your office during your visit to Lawrence - I refer your Excellency to that communication, because it was answered by a person signing himself "E Wood Secry" but which answer afforded not one word of information, as it only stated what I knew before, that when forty men were in uniform equipped &c they could be commissioned upon the colonels Certifying it - My company Sir have been at immense expence & trouble & when it shall please the State to furnish them with such arms as other corps are furnished with, there will be no company ⁱⁿ Gorgia to suppass them - I will give your Excellency no unnessissary trouble. the subject may not be worthy much attention; But in conclusion I will just observe that the time may have gone by when it could be said the services of the State Guards will probably be wanting; but had that not been the case, were those Services now demanded in that cause which was the very origin of the company, which need not be mentioned, but which is indicated in the company's very name. there are none in the State who would more unanim-

ously embark willingly in that cause than the State Guards from their commander to the last numbered man in the ranks - I trust that your Excellency will excuse me for the trouble this communication may give you and

Accept assurances of my
high Consideration & Respect

John W A Pettit

Capt "State Guards"

Attached to 12th Regt G.M.

(On reverse)

John W A Pettit

8 May 1826

P.- Arms

Warrenton Ga

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8th May

His Excellency G. M. Troup.

Gov of Georgia

Milledgeville

Clinton May 13th 1826.

His Excellency G. M. Troup

As a Committee in behalf of the Clinton Independant Blues we have been directed to request of you to supply us with a new stand of arms.

Those which the company now have are in a bad Condition, they have been in Constant use for the last 5 years and when obtained were generally Condemed muskets, we are assured by Col^o Smith, & which we know to be the fact, that were a riged inspection to take place but very few of them would pass feeling a lively interest in the welfare of the Company and ardent desire to see it advance & prosper we hope you will accord to our wishes, should it be your desire we will retain such of the Muskets as will bear an inspection & return the residue, we should be thankful to you for an answer on this subject as soon as convenient.

With due Respect
Yo^r Obt^t Serv^t.

John Fletcher
S. C. Lippitt
Thos^s B. Slade
Thos^s L. Jackson
James Kivlin
Committee

Clinton Independent Blues
Arms
Arsenal Written
18 May 1826
Public Arms

Herman May 20th 1826.

Enclosed your Excellency will receive the Bond of
the officers commanding the company of Jackson Blues regular-
ly executed - Your Excellency will direct MF W^m Ward to the
proper officer for the arms &C. who is authorised to re-
ceipt for them & oblige

yours with Respect

Geo. Lumpkin Clk

of the company -

(Reverse)

Public Arms

1826

His Excellency G. M. Troup

Milledgeville

Courtesy of)
MF Ward.

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Knoxville May 30th 1826

Sir

Your Excellency will have the goodness to have the Arms for the
Knoxville volunteer Blues delivered to the beare Mr Waggoner and
obleige your most obedient humble Servants &c

To his Excellency }
George M Troup }

George S Kennedy
E M Amos
Colman M Roberts
Jeremiah C Harvey

P.S. We conceive it unnecessay to send a guard in as much as the
bearie is a man in whom we have full confidence.

We are yours to Command

his Excellency
G.M. Troup

G.S.K.
E.M.A.
C.M.R.
J.C.H

(on reverse)
Officers of the
"Knoxville Blues"

30 May 1826

Arms
To his Excellency
George M Troup
Milledgeville
Georgia

Arms sent

2 June

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Herman June 3rd 1826

Governor Troup.

From some cause unknown to our volunteer company we did not receive any cartouch Boxes or belts if there are any such articles in your Arsenal should be much pleased you would inform us & whether or not we can have them, for they are indispensable -

I would beg leave to call your attention to the subject of the guns received by the Jackson Blues - we received Fifty one in number, but they were in such very bad order that many of them were entirely useless we immediately sent for a mechanic & also Two respectable citizens & had the order of the Guns examined 36 of the number were only foul which cost us 25cts each to have them cleaned the remaining 15 were so completely deranged in locks & several Broke that we could procure no person that would undertake to repair them, for less than \$1.00 each

I am directed to enquire of your Excellency if this necessary expence will not be paid by the state, and also the expence of Transportation from Milledgeville to this place say 65 Miles, we have to pay \$15.00 we calculated with certainly that those expences would not be a company expence, but a public one. The required information is desirable as early as practicable by which you will confer a favor on

Your obedient servt

Geo Lumpkin clk of Compny

P.S. you will also signify whether or not the state will not furnish the Company officers with Scotts Discipline & the Militia Laws of the State G.L.

(Reverse)

Geo Lumpkin 3 June 1826.
Public Arms
An: written 6 June 1826

Boulder Green
June 3^d Paid 10
His Excellency G M Troup,
Milledgeville Ga

Augusta 3^d June 1826

To his Excellency

Governor Troup.

Understanding that the Arms in the State Arsenal at Milledgeville are out of Order and that you wish to employ some suitable person to put the same in complete order.

I have thus taken the liberty to address you on the subject and to offer you my services

As to my qualifications for discharging the duties of such a station as I am totally unknown to your Excellency I would refer you to the commanding Officer at the Arsenal near Augusta in whose employ I have been for the last three years.

Should I meet with success in this application; Your Excellency may rest assured that no Exertions shall be wanting on my part so to discharge My duty, as shall give satisfaction to yourself and the community.

Should these proposals so far accord with your wishes on the subject I will come to Milledgeville. Where by examining the state of the arms may be known, and will then make such offers for putting them in complete order as the circumstances of the case shall require.

Permit me further to observe that I will make as advantageous offers as any other person who is qualified for the business. As speedy an answer as is consistent with your Excellency's convenience is respectfully solicited. I am Sir

Very Respectfully yours

Excellency's most obedient Servant. Daniel Malleory

(Reverse)

Dan Malleory
3 June 1826

Arms

Georgia) Know all men by these presents that we Adam
Baldwin County) G. Saffold and William Porter both of the Coun-
ty of Morgan and State aforesaid are held and
firmly bound unto His Excellency George M. Troup Governor of said
State and his Successors in office in the full sum of One thou-
sand Dollars for the payment of which we bind ourselves, our Heirs,
Executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these
presents.

Sealed with our seals and dated this thirteenth day of June High-
teen hundred and twenty six.

The Condition of the foregoing obligation is such that
whereas the above bound Adam G. Saffold and William Porter have
received from the States arsenal at Milledgeville One hundred
stand of Muskets and One hundred Cartridge Boxes for the use of
the "Madison Volunteers: Now if the said Saffold & Porter shall
keep in good order said arms &c and return them to the arsenal
upon the demand of the Governor then this obligation to be void
else to remain in full force & virtue.

Executed in presence of
E. H. Pierce
S. E. D

Adam G. Saffold (Seal)
William Porter (Seal)

(REVERSE)

Bond
Saffold & Porter
(\$1000.)

Arms

filed 13 June 1826.

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Jasper County, June 14 1826

To his Excellency,
Geo. M Troup,

Sir - I was a few days ago requested by M^r
Henry Butts of this County by whose exertions, a
Corps of Volunteer Riflemen has been raised, and
who no doubt will be elected the Commander of said
Corps to ascertain, weather, when the said Corps is
organized and its officers Commissioned, you will
permit them to draw arms from the public Arsenal.
M^r Butts is a Gentleman of good charractor and is animated by
an ardent Military pride, and therefore it may be expected,
that he will not only Command his Company, in a maner that will
acquire for it and himself, credit and applause, but also in a
manner that will be productive of good to the Country.

An early answer to the foregoing is desirable.

I am with the highest
Consideration yours
most respectfully

Fleming Jordan

Reverse:- Col^o Fleming Jordan
14 June 1826

Arms

To his Excellency George M. Troup
Milledgeville,
Georgia
Mail.

An annual return of the 36 Regt Geo, Militia.

✓	1	Col
✓	1	Lt. Col
✓	1	Major
✓	1	Adjutant
✓	1	Qt. Master
✓	1	Pay Master
✓	1	Serg. Major
✓	1	Sergeon
✓	1	Sergeon's Mate
✓	9	Captains
✓	16	Lieutenants
✓	6	Ensigns
✓	29	Sergeants
✓	21	Corporals
✓	2	Musicians
✓	419	Privates
✓	11	Muskets
✓	511	Aggregate including Comms & non comms. & officers & privates
✓	40	Rifles
✓	29	Shot Guns
✓	10&10	Swords & Belts
	0	Bayonets Belts & Scabbards
	0	Cartridge boxes and belts

(Charles F. Betton appointed Colonel
36th Regt., Pulaski Co., June 15,
1826-L.F.H.)

Charles F. Belton

Col. 36 Reg. G. M.

Alexander Dennard
Adjutant

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Upson County Ga June 20th 1826

Sir

In conformity with your Genl. Order of the — Last a Troop of cavilry ^{recently} ~~recruiting~~ raised and under my command was inspected and recvd. by the inspecting officer and I presume has been by this time reported to the Executive office. In conformity with your order to the inspecting officers we are authorised to Expect that we will be furnished with arms by the Gov^{mt}. and I am now ready to report the company in uniform but for the want of knowledge what kind of a requisition would be recd. by the Gov^{mt}. I have delayed to forward one. If consistent with your official ^{duties} ~~until~~ you can forward ^{on} ~~one~~ Cause to be forwarded To me at Thomaston a blank requisition. It will be filld up and returned Immediately. Be pleasd. also to notify me how far and in what way myself Individually or the numbers of the Troop will be responsible to the Gov^{mt}. for such arms and Equipment as may be Issued and whether or not any Equipage Exclusive of the arms will be furnished by the Gov^{mt}. as the numbers have not as yet furnished themselves with Holsters nor Cartridge boxes I presume that the arms and Equipage when Issued will be forwarded at the Expense of the Public the fact of which I wish to Know and also whether or not my personal attendance will be necessary to receive them.

With due Respect
Your obdt. Servt
Edw^d. Holloway, Capt.

REVERSE

Cap. Holloway
20 June 1826

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Army

His Excellency Geo. M. Troup
Milledgeville

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Capt. Holloway

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State of Georgia }
Crawford County () Know all men by these presents that We George S. Kennedy, Elijah M. Amos, Coleman M. Roberts and Jeremiah C Harvey are held and firmly bound unto his Excellency George M. Troup Governor of Said State and his successors in office in the full sum of One Thousand Dollars, for which payment well and truly to be made and done, We bind ourselves our heirs, Executors, and administrators jointly and Severally finnlly by these presents: Sealed with our Seals and dated this 22 day of May Eighteen hundred and twenty Six.

The Condition of the foregoing Obligation is such, That whereas the above bound George S. Kennedy has recd. from the States Arsenal at Milledgeville Sixty five muskets with Bayonets and Sixty five Cart-ridge Box's for the use of the "Knoxville Independent Blues." Now if the said George S. Kennedy shall safely keep and cause to be returned in good order the said arms & accoutrements to the arsenal upon demand of the Governor, then this obligation tobe void else to remain in full force and virtue

Signed Sealed &c in the presence of

Rich I.M. Beavens
Paul T. Rodgers

George S Kennedy L.S.
E M Amos L.S.
Coleman M. Roberts L.S.
Jeremiah C Harvey L.S.

(on reverse)

Bond

Geo. S. Kennedy
45. Stand of Arms
\$1000.

Crawford County

1826

Greenesborough 2nd July 1826

His Excellency

George. M. Troup

Sir

Circumstances entirely beyond my control have hitherto prevented me from forwarding to your Excellency the enclosed annual return of the Militia of the 2nd Brigade 3rd Division of the State of Georgia for the present year, the regimental return from the county of Clark having been sent to this place by a private conveyance which miscarried so that it was not received until within a few days past, some little delay occurred after its arrival here in consequence of its being directed to Major Woodham the inspector of this brigade who resides some distance from town.

From the construction which Major Woodham has given the general order of the 28th January last he conceived it his duty to forward a return signed by himself direct to Head Quarters which is also herewith enclosed.

It is proper to observe to your Excellency that though I have forwarded a Brigade return yet I did not attend in the county of Oglethorpe (it being one of the counties constituting this brigade) because Col. Lumpkin resided there who I presumed would have attended to the review and inspection in that county. I attended the reviews in this and in Clark counties so far therefore as those counties are embraced in the return I can

vouch for their correctness and I have every reason to believe
that the return is on the whole correct

I remain your Excellencys

obt Servt

Y. P. King

Aid de Camp

REVERSE

His Excellency George. M. Troup

Milledgeville

Georgia

Georgetown 5th July 1826

Dear Sir,

A letter from the Adjutant of the Squadron of Cavalry in Georgia informs me that Capt. Maxwell's troupe is in a more flourishing condition than it has ever been, but that both he and Capt West are in want of arms - the former wanting thirty additional stand, and the latter who has never received any, forty stand. I have before brought this matter before you, and received your promise that these troupes should be furnished under the resolution of the Legislature - As it is of great importance on the sea board to keep up this species of force, I beg again to present the subject to your attention, and ask you to favor me with an answer diverted to Savannah, to which place I proceed to-morrow

Very Respectfully & Truly

Jn: MacPherson Berrien

Gov: Troup

Reverse:-

Hon. J. M. Berrien
5 July 1826

Free
J M Berrien

Amrs

To His Excellency
Governor Troup
Geo.

Mount Zion

Hancock County
July 5th 1826

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His Excellency

George M. Troup
Governor &c

Sir

I have the honor to forward to your Excellency herewith an abstract of the Return of the Military of the second Military Division of the State, the Reviews & Inspections in which I attended, agreeably to order.

For the long delay of this Export I must plead my long and repeated absence from my residence, and my Multiplied avocation while there; in consideration of which I hope to meet with your Excellency's indulgence for my apparent negligence.

I regret to say that the Militia of the Second Division seem to have made but little, if any, improvement since April 1825, either in discipline or equipment. Their general appearance is very much the same, and by so means such as it ought to, and would be under a better system. From this general remark, however, should be excepted the volunteers Companies throughout the Division, in which the same spirit that brought them into existence still prevails and continues to produce the most beneficial results. It is tortise Corps alone that we can successfully look for anything like Military skill and discipline. Among these I would make as meriting particular praise, the Troop of Cavalry in Hancock commanded by Captⁿ Staples and the Richmond Hassars, attached to the 10th Regiment & Commanded by Capt. Borsclair, both of whom are highly Meritorious officers. I think it proper to remark, however, that a part of the arms of the

Hancock Troop private property, are not of the best quality, tho' in good order. Among the Infantry the Georgia Fencibles Captn Sturges and the Irish Volunteers lately commanded by Captn Cormick deceased stand perminent in discipline equipment & fine Military appearance. The Hamilton Riflemen commanded by Captn Cumming, the only Rifle Corps in the Division, are a remarkably fine body of young men, well armed and equipped and under good discipline. The three last mentioned companies belong to the 10th Regiment. There is a volunteer Infantry Company in Warren County Commanded by Captn Petit which promises well. There is a Company of Cavalry in Washington County, and another in Columbia, which last has been recently formed and was not reported by the Inspectors in consiquence of its not having a sufficient number of men property equipped. What the last named Corps has, or may become it is difficult to say: the former is, I think, rather an indifferent one. As it is from the volunteer Corps that the most efficient Military force must expected in cases of sudden emergency; the means of increasing their number and giving them greater stability would be a subject well worth the attention of the Legislature. As they now are they generally depend for their discipline, and their very existence of almost exclusively on the individual character of their Commanders, so that it is not uncommon to see the finest Corps, after the death or resignation of a favorite officer, gradually dwindle away to nothing. To obviate this evil and to substitute a feeling of pride and certain interest in the men for the previous influence of popular officers, it is respectfully suggested that it would be expedient, in imitation of the

example of some of our Sister States, to grant certain exemptions and privileges within who may serve regularly in a volunteer Corps, for a specified number of years; such & or instance as an exemption from Military duty, except in cases of insurrection or invasion, after performing such service for seven years. It is believed that seven years service in a well trained volunteer Corps would make a man a better soldier, for life, than the seven and twenty spent in the ranks under our present most defective system. It is also thought that, before the expiration of this period, a very large proportion of the men would have acquired such a taste for military improvement and parade and have become so much attached to their respective corps that they would continue from choice to do Military duty on all occasions. These privileges might with property also be extended to the Commissioned officers of the Militia generally on their holding their commissions for the same number of years. That these exemptions might not be too easily earned, additional duties might be imposed upon them, with a view to their further improvement in discipline and Military knowledge, such, for instance, as the formation of an campment for a specified length of time, long enough to effect, in some measure, the objects in view, but not so long as to be burdensome to individuals.

I know not whether the propriety of establishing a Military School in this State, has ever been publicly discussed, but it is thought that an institution of the kind would be both popular and highly useful. The course of study to be pursued in it ought not to be so long and arduous as in the National Academy at West Point, since such a School, in this State, would be intended not for the Education of those who are destined to be exclusively

soldiers by profession, but for the instruction of those young
among as, who actuated by a generous love of improvement and a
desire of future usefulness and distinctions, are willing and
able to devote a year or two to Military studies after the com-
pletion of the ordinary course of Education. Such men would be
a valuable acquisition to the State, both on account of their
own qualifications as officers & Soldiers and their ability to
communicate their knowledge & skill to their fellow citizens
generally.

Since the returns of last year two volunteer companies,
which had received arms from the State, have become extended,
one (of infantry) in Washington County formerly commanded
(I believe) by Captn Tennille, the other, a Rifle Corps, in
Richmond Commanded by Captn Coldwell. I take the liberty of
suggesting to your Excellency the propriety of having the arms
recently in the hands of these Companies, together with those
formerly drawn by the Union Guards (Richmond) collected and re-
turned to the arsenal at Milledgeville. There is no proper
place of deposit for them either at Sandersville or Augusta and,
with the exception of about twenty stands, now in the hands of
the Irish volunteer they are daily deteriorating for want of the
necessary care. This evil, by the way, evinces the property of
establishing small armories in some of our more prosperous towns,
where the State's arms might be properly taken care of, instead
of being scattered, as they now are, in every direction, and
falling, as they frequently do, into the most improper hands.

I have thought it my duty to make these desultory remarks,
in consequence of the instructions to your Staff to foreward

with their returns such observations as they might make on the State of the Militia Coming under their inspection &c.

My pursuits not having been of a Military Character will account for the paucity of my remarks, and the meagerness of the few I have made, and also, I hope entitle them to your Excellency's indulgence

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Your Excellency's obdt Serv^t

Henry H. Cumming

P.S. My residence during the Summer is Mount Zion Hancock County

Respectfully H. H. C.

(Reverse)

His Excellency

George M. Troup

Governor &c

Milledgeville, Geo.

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Watkinsville 15th July

1826

Sir

There has been lately formed in this County a troop of Cavalry, and all that is wanting to complete its organization is arms, understanding that it is usual for arms to be furnished by the executive. I am requested by the officers of the troop to enquire whether arms would be furnished on application, and what are the conditions upon which arms are generally furnished volunteer Corps; if arms can be obtained they will be sent for so soon as you are heard from on the subject. The Clarke County troop will no doubt on all occasions be ready and willing whenever the good of the Country shall require it to march to the tented field.

I am Respfully yours

Joseph Ligon

Col 24th Reg Gds.

Gov^t Troop

Milledgeville

(On Reverse)

Col^o Joseph Ligon

15 July 1826

ARMS

Newton County 17th July 1826

Dear Sir

I herewith transmit you the return from Genl.
Colquitts Brigade the men made a good appearance the officers
Generally uniformed and I saw, manefested more millatary pride
than I had. expected.

His Excellency
G. M. Troup

I am with great
respect your &c
H. Jones

Aid de Camp.
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Reverse:-

Oak Grove Ga
18th July 10^c

His Excellency
George M. Troup
Milledgeville

Mail)
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Newton County August 14th 1826

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His Excellency G. M. Troup

Dear Sir I take the liberty of addressing you after having been appointed by 63 of my neighbors & County Men who have formed ourselves into a Volunteer Rifle Company to be known and distinguished by being the Newton Republican Riflemen we the Company wish to know after we are organized agreeable to the state Laws if we can draw a suitable number of Rifles. we form ourselves into a company not to dissolve in a less time than Eighteen Months Sir your writing to me by return Mail giving Me information whether we can draw guns or not as the immediate organization depends greatly upon being supplied with arms will confer a lasting obligation on me

I am Respectfully Sir one of your Subjects

Thomas Wright

(On reverse)

Covington Ga)
15th Aug)

His Excellency G. M. Troup

Milledgeville

Mail.

Geo.

Th: Wright

Volunteer Riflemen

ad

P- Arms

Answer written 26 Aug^t 1826.

Madison 16 August 1826

His Excellency George M Troup

Sir

In obedience to the instructions contained in your circular dated 16th February last I had the pleasure to attend the reviews and inspection in the counties Morgan Jackson and Franklin and have now the honor to present to you my return of the regiments contained in the above counties. No difficulty presented itself from carrying your orders strictly into execution, save, that of the classification of the Militia of regiments in the counties of Jackson and Franklin this arose from the entire neglect of Brigadier General Beall in his not giving this instruction to his subordinate officers in his Brigade a copy of his orders I here beg leave to insert.

Head Quarters 4th Division Georgia Militia
Brigadier Generals Office. Col. Gannel Barnett Carnesville
Geo. April 18th 1826

Sir

Agreeable to General orders received from the Major Genl. you are hereby commanded to issue your orders to the several Officers within your regiment for the purpose of an annual review and inspection of the Militia to be conducted in the following order, the drill & inspection of the Officers of the county of Jackson to commence at Jefferson on Monday the eighth of May next and the review and Inspection of the Military on Tuesday the ninth of May at the same place - Every act of disobedience and unsubordination will be marked and punished and

regular discipline attempted with Officers and men.

By order of Brigadier General F Beall

Green W Smith

Aid de Camp

1. As regards an improvement in Military information I think we have little to hope for so long as we have in command men entirely unskilled in Military discipline and totally regardless of orders emanating from higher source than their own & command.

General Beall has no uniform nor has he had any for the last ten years his son Maj. Beall has made two formal requests that he Genl Beall should resign the appointment but still adheres to his determination not to comply:

The Officers of companies not one in those three Regiments were uniformed. The Officers in this County are better informed in tactics, and generally uniformed.

Thus sir I present to you a correct view of the Militia in those different parts of our State, like a rope of sand they are entirely inefficient and it would be impolitic to depend much upon them unless their information was increased.

I am sir with great Respect

Your Obedient Servant.

Rich^d H Randolph Aid de Camp.

(Reverse)

To,

His Excellency G. M. Troup
Milledgeville.

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Georgia Hall County August 30th 1826

Dear Sir

I with pleasure take the liberty of addressing you by letter on the subject of survey in the territory lately acquired from the Creek Indians as I am one of the number chosen for that purpose and would be glad to know when they will be called on and in what manner they will be called on whether by publick advertising or by proved letter and whether the treaty of 1825 or 26 will be acceded to I shall take much pleasure in the reception of your reply to these lines and will as usual remain your with undoubted respect &c.

G.M. Troup Majr. W P Reed.

(on reverse)

To His Excellency G.M. Troup

Governor of

Milledgeville Georgia

W P Reed

Ad

W^m. P. Reid

20 August 1826.

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Elberton Oct^r 5th 1826

His Excellency G. M. Troup

Sir agreeably to your order of the 28th of
January last I herewith report the only returns I have rec^d
from the Colonls commanding regiments in the Brigade under my
command having however lately on enquiry the ~~cause~~ of not
receiving returns from them all learnt that there were no
other volunteer companies as the Brigade & those col^s who had
no volunteer Company Attached to their Regiments did not
think proper to make any report; this is the reason for this
apparently unwarrantable delay in me. I am sir with high
respect your Excellency's ob^t Servt

J V. Harris

Elberton G

October 4th

His Excellency G. M. Troup

Milledgeville

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Pr Mail)

Sparta Oct^r the 11th 1826

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His Excellency Governor Troup,

Sir

I recvd your order of the 4th Ins.^t on the 6th in which time some difficulties present themselves which it may be proper to make your Excellency acquainted with. First, the men uniformd themselves when we were first call^d on, to suit the wheather, which was warm and they now plead that the times are hard and wish not to go to any further Expens till it is certain they will be calld out; secondly, There are a few that wish to withdraw themselves from the Troop because the Expedition is chang^d and is contrary to there Politicks other have sold there horses, and some plead the situation of there families. There are not more than ten or twelve that make those excuses to get off, but the whole are opposed to geting an other uniform untill they are certain of being call^d out. There are a number of young men who Intend to Join the Troop as soon as it is asertain^d that we are call^d on. Your Excellency will pleas answer the above, that I may know how to proceed properly.

With the greatest respect you humble servant

R. S. Hardwick Cap^t

Hancock Troop

P. S.

It may be proper to Inform your Excellency that I have just got out of a spell of fever but hope to be able to attend to your orders, my firs Lieutenant is verry sick at this time.

R.S.H.

His Excellency Governor Troup
Miledgeville

R. S. Hardwick
11 October 1826

Volunteer Comps.
Military