

be rented, because it affords some revenue to the State, but from an abuse of the privilege by the tenant, which is notorious, and consists in the exaction of a most unreasonable toll from passengers who are often much distressed from paying it. We believe that the right had better be reclaimed by us, so far at least as to compel the establishment of certain and reasonable rates. We request that your Excellency will give us an answer to the first enquiry & your opinion on the last subject as early as it may be convenient

I am with much respect Your Excellency's

Obt Serv^t

I. A. Few

His Excellency

John Forsyth Governor of Georgia

Letter

Col. I. Few

Ch^r. Col: Comms

13 February 1828

Towns

Ans.^d 19 Feby 1828

Reverse:-

For/

His Excellency

John Forsyth

Attention

M^r. Lorraine Esq^r)

Milledgeville

Georgia

252 5
Near Riceboro Liberty County

FebY 14th 1828 -

To his Excellency,
John Forsythe
Sir

Many of our fellow citizens wish to embody Themselves into a corps of riflemen - and have, previous to any positive arrangement being formed, appointed me as their organ to address you making an enquiry whether they could obtain rifles from the public arsenal - If it be possible to obtain a sufficient number of rifles, say fifty or sixty, they would immediately organize and uniform themselves - It would indeed be a great improvement in the military organization of our county for the militia is now in a wretched state - In the district in which I reside there is a militia company of seventy men and not an officer - They sometimes meet and elect officers & e'er the commisson arrive they refuse them - We have therefore thought that to embody those who have some military spirit may induce others to connect themselves to us and so ultimately the present apathy may be removed - Please sir inform us as early as possible and you will greatly oblige your fellow citizens generally & particularly

Your obtnt Servant
Jas S Bradwell

(Reverse)
Letter J. S. Bradwell
14 Febry 1828.

Arms

And by E H Pierce
18 Febry 1828.

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His Excellency John Forsythe
Milledgeville
Georgia
Mail)

Augusta 1st April. 1828

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His Excellency

John Forsyth

When I had last the honor of addressing your Excellency I informed you that Major Fannings absence had produced a still farther Delay in transporting the state's quota of arms to Milledgeville. The Major returned on Saturday, and I called on him today, but, I am sorry to say, did not succeed in finally closing the business. My only guide as to the number and kind of arms called for by the State has been a letter of the 20th October last from your predecessor to Major Payne, in which he requests him to deliver to me "1019 stands of arms in the proportion of 250 Rifles 250 Cavalry Swords and the remainder Muskets with the necessary accoutrements". These were due the State on the 31st December 1825 as appears by the same letter a copy of which is herewith Enclosed. Now I find Major Fanning authorized and desirous to deliver fourteen hundred and thirteen stands of such description as the state may choose, according to the established valuation. The rifle accoutrements however cannot be yet delivered, as there are none in the arsenal - Under this change of circumstances I am at loss whether to receive the whole 1413 in what proportions & I therefore request that your Excellency will instruct me on these points. The following is a table of the valuation which I copy for the sake of more easy reference.

Musket	\$13	Rifles	\$16	Pistol	\$8
Cavalry Sabre	\$6	Artillery sword	\$4		
Non Comm off Sword	\$4	Accoutrements for Musket	\$2 $\frac{50}{100}$	same for	
Rifle	\$2.00	same for Sabre	\$ $\frac{60}{100}$		

I regret exceedingly the delay which has again occurred, particularly as I have for some time been wanting only for the conclusion of this business to resign the appointment I have the honor to file in the staff, the Intres of which I find it will be out of my power to discharge, in consequence of the situation of my private affairs. Intending still to do so, I have thought it best at this time to make it known that there may be no unnecessary delay in filling the vacancy. If no more suitable person occurs to your Excellency, I will take the liberty of recommending Captain Alfred Cumming of Columbus County.

Respectfully

Your obdt Serv^t

Henry H Cumming

Copy of letter from his late Excellency G. M. Troup to Major Payne - dated Milledgeville 20 October 1827.

"Sir - I will thank you to cause to be delivered to the order of Colo Henry H. Cumming 1019 stands and of arms being a balance due this state on the 31st December 1825 - in the proportion of 250 Rifles 250 Cavalry swords & the commander muskets with the necessary accoutrements according to the established valuation and all of best quality the same being authorized by letter of Instructions from the War Department of the 16th December last

Respectfully

G. M. Troup.

Major Payne
Commanding Arsenal
at Augusta

(PostMark)
Augus. Ga.
Apr 1

(Reverse)
His Excellency
John Forsyth
Governor &c
Milledgeville

H. H. Cumming 1028
Army
12¹/₂

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Eatonton 4 April 1828.

Sir,

The improved condition of the Cavalry of this county, & the promising appearances which attend them, have induced them, to solicit through me as their commander, to be supplied with pistols, holsters & swords from the public arsenal: Say one dozen sword^s & sixty pair of pistols & holsters. They are generally supplied with swords: but, the rapidity with which the company is increasing renders a farther supply of swords, necessary, I would respectfully suggest the granting of the request, as tending to cherish that military spirit & pride, which are begining to manifest them selves in the company. Should your excellency deem it fit to comply,- the less delay which will attend the knowledge of your determination will be most agreeable to the company.

Most respectfully

Your Obed^t Serv^t

Ja^s A. Meriwether

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His Excellency

John Forsyth

Milledgeville

Eaton^m Ga
Apr. 13 -

Geo.

Batonton April 26, 1828

Sir,

A few weeks since I addressed you on the subject of procuring pistols & swords from the State for the use of the Putnam Cavalry.

From delay in not hearing your determination & from the intense desire of the company to obtain them, combined with the circumstance of the rapidity with which the company is daily increasing, & their actual need of more swords than are now to be had, I have again thought proper to intrude upon you to learn your pleasure in this respect,

Any security which the State may require for the faithful return of the arms will be given,

Should it not be in your power to provide us with pistols, we would be glad to obtain swords alone; but, from the increase of the company since my letter to you twenty swords will not be more than a sufficiency.

I should like to learn your determination by return mail, so that we may obtain them, if granted, before the general review.

Respectfully &c

Ja^s A. Meriwether

(Reverse)

Letter
Cap. Ja^s A Meriwether

Arms

And by Pierce
19 May 1828.

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His Excellency John Forsyth

Will you be pleased to issue an order for the delivery of the Arms, accoutrements &c according to the above requisition ?

Ben. F. Owens Captain
of the Baldwin Volunteers

(Reverse)

Ordered to be filed 22^d May 1828

Present.

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Georgia Dooley County June 4th 1828

To his Excellency Governor John Forsyth

We address you once more respecting a company of horsemen in said County- We have raised a Company of fifty three Subscribers, and we have no hesitancy in saying that they will be in complete uniform by the first of November next. We wish your Excellency to grant us an order to hold an Election for Officers to command said Company immediately, if you will Grant us the liberty of taking more than the Eleventh man from any one Company District- We will not continue it as a Company of Horse, unless we have the above number of fifty three men, in complete uniform. So soon as your Excellency will Give an Answer to this request we will attend to the same.

We remain your Excellency

Ob^t. Humbl. Servts.

Daniel. B. Sheffield

George Sessions

(Reverse)

To his Excellency

John Forsyth

Hartford Ga

June 15
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Milledgeville

Georgia

Dan; B. Sheffield

George Sessions

4 June 1828.

Mil: Elec:

And by E. H. Pierce

18 June 1828

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Saundersville 12th June 1828

Sir

I have the honor herewith of handing you the return of the Second Brigade, Second division G. M. my professional duties precluded me from making out or sending it at an earlier period.

I have taken the liberty of making some remarks in it in relation to our military, which I hope may not be deemed irrelelevant. -

With high respect & consideration

I am Respectfully yours^s.

To His Excellency

John Forsyth

Milledgeville

Geo.

Philip T. Schley

Brigade Inspector

2^d Brigade 2 Division G. M.

(On reverse)

Letter and Report

Philip A. Schley

Brigade Inspector

2nd Brigade 2nd Division

Geo. Militia.

12th June 1828.

Public Service

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To His Excellency

John Forsyth

Governor of Georgia

Milledgeville

Geo.

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Ex Dep June 18. 1828

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 4 Inst to Governor Forsyth has been rec^d.
It is not the province of the Governor to Order an election for officers of the Corps you are attempting to organize in Dooly County-
When you obtain the requisite number which is forty men in Uniform you have the power to meet together, and hold an election taking care to have it superintended by two Justices & two freeholders or a majority of them- After the election you will report yourselves to the Commanding officer of the Regiment to which you belong whose duty it will be to certify to the Commander in Chief that 40 or more men in Uniform have formed themselves into a Volunteer Corps and presented themselves for Inspection - On which Certificate and the return of the Election Commissions will issue.

Very Respectfully

Y^r obt^s S^v

"E. H. Pierce

Sedy E. D.

Mess Dav B Sheffield &

George Session

Dooly County.

A report of the Actual, Strength, of the Regiment, composed,
of the, county's of Appling & Ware

	Colonels	Lt. Colonels	Majors	Captains	1st Lieut's	2d Lieut's	Ensigns	Sergeants	Corporals	Music	Privates	Aggregate
Appling	"	1	1	3	2	2	"	8	8	"	160	184
Ware	"	"	"	3	3	"	2	12	12	14	121	155
												339

Agreeable, to the, last, report, of the Regiment comprised of the
countys of Appling & Ware the above, is a true Statement -

J. F. Thomas Maj^r

Com^{dt} 97 B. G. M.

Appling County Ga

18th June 1829

Georgia
Putnam Co.

Know all men by these presents that we Jas^s A Meriwether & Henry Keller are held & firmly bound unto John Forsyth, Governor & to his successors in office in the sum of one hundred dollars for the true payment of which we bind ourselves, our heirs & administrators jointly & severally firmly by these presents: signed with our hands & seals this 22nd June 1828.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound James A. ~~G.~~ Henry have this day received from his Excellency John Forsyth Governor ~~of~~ twenty swords from the public arsenal for the use of the "Putnam Cavalry": now if the said James A. ~~G.~~ Henry should cause to be well & truly kept & safely return them whenever called for by the said John Forsyth, or his successors in office the above mentioned swords then this bond to be null & void: else to remain in full force & effect

Signed with our hands & seals this day & year above written.

Jas. A. Meriwether L. S.
Henry Keller L. S.

Eatonton June 26th 1828

Dr Sir,

I have sent by the bearer of this letter Mr Hightower, a bond, for the sum of one hundred dollars, signed by Cornet Keller & myself, for twenty swords, which he will call on you for. If there is any informality in the bond, or if it is not sufficiently strong on account of the names to it: either or both faults will be corrected by signify their existence, I should be glad to procure pistols for the company. I have not sent a bond for them, inasmuch as Mr Pierce informed me that there was some doubt as to the quantity in the arsenal not being sufficient to answer the demand of the company, It would require sixty pair; If they can be furnished, your Excellency would confer a favour by sending them by Mr Hightower, & a bond sufficiently large & strong would be remitted you immediately, or given by your directions to any Justice of the Inferior Court, or any other officer you may name. If there are not pistols in the arsenal, at Milledgeville, would you be willing to suffer me to draw them from the arsenal at Augusta? as I have been informed by Col Berrien that there were a good number disposed there:

Your's respectfully
Jas A Meriwether

(Reverse)

Letter
Capt J A Meriwether
26 June 1828

Arms

And by E. H. P
26 June 1828.

His Excellency
John Forsyth
Milledgeville Geo.

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Pike County Georgia - Zebulon 26th June 1828

Dear Sir I have Received your note of the 8th of April last which Directed me to advertis for anew Alection for Magor of 121st Battalion of G. M.

There appears to be amistake in the date of the Return for the Election was held on the 29th of march insted of 29th of Febuary and the Same was attended by two Justicees and two freeholders as Appears from the certificates which I now hold

Ad I doe here by certify that there was ~~but~~ one acting captain at that time in the battalion except captain Benjamin Briant who was a candidate for Major and who was duly Elected and under these circumstances, I think it would be nothing amiss to (paper torn) connection but if you should think not I will procede as you ma think proper to direct me with Respect I am yours &c

James R. Callaway

Col. C. D, 56th R. G. M.

(REVERSE)

Executive Department

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Milledgeville, Georgia

Zebulon Ga.

June 30

Col. J^a R. Callaway

Zebulon 26th June 1828

Answered (see copy within)

5th July 1828

Military Election

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Madison Mo Co June 30. 1828-

His Excellency

John Forsyth

DSir,

Agreeable to an Order of Col^l William Porter, to Collect the Arms and Equipments of the Late Madison Volunteer Company of Infantry, I herewith send by Cap^t Simeon Walker one hundred & two Muskets, Eighty C. Boxes, Ninety four Bayonets, and Sixteen Napsacks, with instructions to deliver them to the proper Officers at the Arsenal. It was with great difficulty I could get a person to take them to Milledgeville- I have therefore agreed to pay him Twenty five Dollars. for his Trouble- The Expenses I believe (agreeable to a Notice in some of the Publick Gazetts) are to be paid at the Arsenals. Cap^t Adam. G. Saffold and Co.^l W^m Porter gave their Redeipt for these Arms; which they expect to be Credited; for what is now sent

102 Muskets

(On reverse)

To His Excellency John Forsyth

Milledgeville Geo

4 Catridge Boxes

Executive Department Geo.^a

Milledgeville 5th July 1828

Sir

Yours of the 26th June last addressed to the Governor has been rec^d & he has directed me to say to you that the Election held on the 29th of March last for Mag^r of the 121st Battalion not having been legally superintended another must be held - if there are not Captains in the Battalion to superintend the Election the Col^o can under the militia law brevet a sufficient number for the purpose.

I am your ob. Ser.

G. R. Clayton

Secty.

Ja^s R. Callaway

Col^o of the 56th Regim^t

Pike County.

Mount Zion Hancock County

8 August 1828.

His Excellency

John Forsyth

Sir

I have the honor to forward to your Excellency a communication recently recd from Major Fannin - in relation to the arms belonging to the State in the U. S. Arsenal near Augusta.

I am unable to give him the information he desires in relation to the whole number of Arms heretofore delivered to the state but have expressed an opinion that he might procure it at the seat of government.

I have the honor to be

Respectfully

Your friend & serv^t

Henry H. Cumming

(Reverse)

Letter

Col.^o Henry H. Cumming

August 8th 1828.

Arms

H. H. Cumming -
Send a list of the
arms rec^d from
U. S. to Majr Fanning

J P

U. S. Arsenal
28 July 1828.

Augusta Ga

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Sir

Col. Bomford informs me that the 540 Muskets delivered in July 1824 were receipted for some years previous and actually belonged to the State of Georgia. Hence no deduction is made from the balance on the formed statement of arms due the state. That ballence is 14136⁸/₁₃ Muskets due at the end of the year 1826. He informs me that Rifle implements & Sword belts will shortly be forwarded. So soon as they may arrive, you shall be notified.

Col. Bomford expressed a wish that I would furnish him a statement from the records of the state arsenal or from persons who have received arms from the U. S. Arsenal of all arms so received by the State of Georgia. If it be not too much trouble, you will greatly oblige me by procuring me such a statement, either from the Books of the State Arsenal or from other official sources

I am Sir, with great esteem

Your most ob^t S^t.

A. C. W. Fanning

B. Maj. Com^d U. S. Arsenal

Col. Henry Cumming
Aid-de-Camp to his Excellency
Augusta.

(Reverse)

Augusta 1 Aug.^t 1821 I broke the seal of this, under the expectation of finding that it contained information relative to the arrival of a new-invented rifle or of some other short part or piece of Military Arms, which did not require immediate attention & therefore save you the postage I'll not offend again, tho I have not read the whole of this

(Letter)
Major Fanning U.S.A. 28th July 1828
Arms

GWC

Col. Henry Cumming
Aid-de-Camp to his Excellency
the Governor of Georgia
Mount Zion
Georgia

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Greensboro^h 30th August 1828

His Excellency John Forsyth

Sir

I have the honor herewith to transmit your Excellency a return of the 16th & 17th Regiments, Greene County and 24th Regiment Clark County Georgia Militia, the said Three Regiments being a part of the 2nd Brigade 3rd Division Georgia Militia. The Militia in the County of Oglethorpe which is the balance of the 2nd Brigade was not inspected by me inasmuch as Col Billups resides there, I presume however that he will or has made a return of the Regiments in that County

I take this occasion to observe to your Excellency that during the Administration of your predecessor, a Volunteer Corps of Infantry was established in this County known as the "Green Volunteers" under the Command of Capt. Nicholas Howard, the company was furnished by the State with One Hundred muskets Bayonets, Cartouch Boxes, & Belts, it continued in in a flourishing State for Two or Three years but like all other Companies of a like nature owing to the removal of a number of the Officers & Privates it has been dissolved and the Arms and accoutrements are at this time liable to be lost or carried off unless some order is taken in relation thereto.

I have understood that Capt. Howard gave a receipt for them but whether he is bound from the tenor of the receipt to redeliver them at Head Quarters I am uninformed; but should presume he was; If such should be the fact and your Excellency will give an order to that effect the matter shall be promptly attended to.

To His Excellency
John Forsyth
Milledgeville
Georgia

To His Excellency John Forsyth
Milledgeville, Georgia

I have the honor to be
Your Excellency's
Most Obedt Servt
Y.P. King
Aide, de, Camp

Col^o Y.P. King
Greensboro. 30 August 1828
Answered 1 Septemr 1828.

Arms

Clinton September 3rd 1828

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Sir

The present prosperous condition of the Company of "Clinton Independent Blues" (which we have the honor to command) coerces us to use every endeavour to maintain the pride and zeal of its members.

At no time, since its first formation, has the spirit of emulation, and a desire to excel, been more generally cherished by the Corps than at present.

From this consideration, and from the belief that much of the pride and spirit of a Military Company, depend upon its Arms and equipage, we are induced to petition your Excellency to supply us with a new stand of Arms.

Most of the guns now used by the Company, are entirely useless and unservicable, being made up, for the most part of detached pieces of refuse musquetry from the Arsenal - Should your Excellency desire additional proof of the truth of this representation and of the flattering prospects of the Company we shall be able to give the vouchers of many respectable citizens of the County personally known to you. We therefore hope that your Excellency will cooperate with us in fostering the ambition and pride of the Company by granting our request, on the condition that we return the guns which have been hitherto in use.

With Sentiments of Respect and Esteem

We are your obt Servts

William Brewer

S. C. Lippitt

W. D. Taylor

Warren Jourdan

Capt

1st Lt.

Ensign

REVERSE

Letter

Officers commanding the Clinton Independent Blues. September 3rd 1828.

Arms

His Excellency

John Forsyth

Millidgeville

His Excellency

John Forsyth

Sir, There is a deposite, of one

hundred, or more, stand of Public Arms, in Jefferson, which has been allowed to sustain serious injury, for the want of proper attention. A continuation of such neglect, will eventually render them unfit for inspection.

I, as Commander of the 31st Company, 8th Battalion G.M. apply for Executive authority, to issue to said Company thirty stand of the arms above alluded to; each individual receipting for their return, when demanded by the state. Believing it more advantageous to this State, that one fourth should be lost (which is not probable) than that the whole should eventually condemned.

I take the liberty also to remark, that this is the only company in the County that evinces any disposition to perform the duties required by the state- which you will have confirmed, by reference to the last Brigade inspection report. The Company will also, be uniformed in less than two months - and no other Company except this, in ?, having a single officer - Believing it consistent with state policy, to encourage every attempt, tending to its protection, particularly when this risk is so small I apply with confidence of your Excellency

Yours Respectfully.

B. Hopkins

Jefferson Camden County

Sept 4th 1828.

N.B. These arms, have been, there ever since the last war.

(Reverse)

B. Hopkins - Jefferson Camden County

4th Sept 1828

Answered 16th same month
Arms

Jefferson Geo)
Sept 6)

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His Excellency
John Forsyth
Governor of Georgia
Milledgeville

Mail)

Received at the Arsenal Milledgeville, September 25th 1828
ninety nine Muskets - ninety eight bayonets - ninety eight
ramrods & ninety six cartridge boxes - the same loaned to
the Greensboro Volunteers under Cap^t Howard

M. J. Kenan acting

for L. H. Kenan

Mil. S. Keeper

Milledgeville 30th Oct 1828

To His Excellency

Jno Forsyth

Sir

The Compliance with your order made date of the 27th Inst., and as far as I have been able to examine the arms at the State Arsenal I find them in good order with the exception of a large quantity which appears to been thrown a side as damaged guns. I should be glad that your Excellency would call when passing & say what is best to be done with them.

Permit me to render to your Excellency my sincere thanks for the appt & rest assured that it shall be promptly attended to.

Respectfully your

Obedt St-

Thomas H. Kenan

His Excells

Jno Forsyth

(on reverse)

Thomas H. Kenan

30th Oct. 1828.

report of the State of
the arms in the arsenal
at Milledgeville and his
acceptance of the appt.
of Keeper of the Arsenal
Milledgeville

To His Exclty

Jno Forsyth

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U. S. Arsenal Augusta, Geo.

November 12th 1828

Sir

I have the honour to enclose an Invoice of Arms delivered for transportation to Milledgeville agreeably to your letter of the 10th Ult. together with the receipts of the several Wagoners who received them for transportations.

I also enclose triplicate receipts for the several portions of armes sent which I beg leave to request may be signed and returned to me as soon after the property is received as convenient.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most Obt Servant

Aeneas MacKay

Captain 3^d Reg. Arty.

Cmsy.

His Excellency
John Clark
Gov. of Georgia
Milledgeville

Letter

Cap^t Aeneas MacKay
dated 12th Novem^r 1823

Answer Written
3^d December 1823

Augusta 21 November 1828

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His Excellency

Jno Forsyth

Sir

Conformably to instructions received from your Excellency some time since, I gave to the agent of Capt. Chastain of the Carroll Dragoons an order- on the commandant of the United States Arsenal at this place for one Hundred pair of pistols and one Hundred Cavalry Swords, which were accordingly delivered to him. Altho' this order was to furnish Capt'n C. with the pistols & Swords without mentioning Holsters, I should have felt myself authorized to deliver the latter, by your Excellency's letter to the Captains, dated 12th September; but on enquiry I found there was none in the Arsenal.

The kind of Arms called for & furnished will appear by the Enclosed triplicate receipts, which you will please have signed at Milledgeville or return them to me for my signature and delivery to Major Fanning, so some as I am informed of the receipt of the arms.

You will perceive that those delivered to Captain Chastain are included in the receipts so that the number of arms actually sent to Milledgeville is less than those to be accepted for, by two Hundred pistols and one Hundred Cavalry Swords. In relation to the proportions in which the arms have been received I have been governed by your instructions confirmatory of those of your Excellency's predecessor, by which at a time when the call was for only 1019 muskets in value, I was ordered to require 250 Rifles, 250 Cavalry Swords and the remainder in muskets.

The proportion had been Preserved as nearly as could conveniently be done, having reference to the numbers usually packed together, & also to the means of draining, as nearly as possible, the whole amt. heretofore standing with credit of the State. This was 1898 8 muskets, equal (at \$13) to \$24.682 — the value of the arms received is \$24.681 $\frac{90}{100}$ They have been forwarded to the care of your aid-de Camp Colo Sanford

I have the honor to be
Respectfully

Your obtt Servt
Henry H. Cumming

(Reverse)
Letter

Col^o H. H. Cumming
21 Nov: 1828

Arms
Answer Within
dated 4 Decem. 1828
Letter

Warrenton Dec. 3rd 1828

His Excellency

Sir,

A volunteer company formerly of the 12th Regt Ga. M. called "The State Guard" were furnished with arms from the State Arsenal; that company being now dissolved, the public arms are found, some in Warrenton and perhaps, some yet in the possession of individuals in the country who were attached to that company.

I have the honor

to be sir

Your most obdt &C.

Aaron W. Grier Brig. Genl

1st Brigade 2nd Div. Ga Ma.

(Reverse)

Letter

A. W. Grier

Arms

Ans^d 5 Decem 1828

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His Excellency,

John Forsyth

Milledgeville

Georgia

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Head Quarters Georgia
Milledgeville 4 Decem. 1828

Col^o H. H. Cumming

Sir:

Your letter of the 21 Nov: has b^{een} received -
the arms have been delivered here are deposited in the arsenal -
the receipts are returned for your signature and delivery to
Major Fannin - I am directed by the Commander in Chief to say
that when this service is performed your Resignation as aid de
Camp is accepted - A certificate appointing Capt. Alfred Cumming
to fill the vacancy is enclosed, which you will be pleased to
deliver to him -

I am Sir

Your friend & Ob.^t S.^t

Evrett Ham Pierce

Mil: Secy

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Gainesville 20th Dec 1828,

We the officers of the fourhundred and Eleventh District Doo
Partishen to his Excelency for armes thatis Muskets that We
are entitled to by the page 327 Laws of Georgia to 1818 We
further State to his Excellency that we are or Can at any time
Give Bond and Good Security at any time it is Required for our
Compney is dos Muster in the publick Square or in the Corperac-
tion of ^{the} town So we wont to know whether We Cant Receive arms as
well as the hose Company. for tha have received ther pistels
and Sords So We wont & ancer as Quick as it is conveinent from
his Excellecy for we Live on the frontteer. So we wont Your
Excellency to Give us the priveledge to have arms as well as
the hose Compny

With Respect We are Your O'Bedien Survents

Burrell Thomson Cp

John Williams, Lewtenat

(REVERSE)

Gainesville Ga

27th December 12²

To His Excellency John Forsythe

Milledgeville

G. A

Capt. Burrell Thompson

Lieut. John Williams 20th Decem^r 1828

Requisition for arms

Answ^d and answer within

1 Jany. 1829

Georgia Hall County 20th of

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Anderson, John R

Washington Wilkes County Ga

January 24th 1829

Dear Sir,

I have in my possession Sixty four muskets which belong to the States that was received at this place for a Volunteer Company that Volunteer Company is now desolved and I wish to return the muskets and take up a bond that was given by Mr James Rembert and myself for the Guns I wish you to inform me whether you will require the Guns delived at millidgeville or shall I turn them over to the devision or Brigade quarter master, let me here from you-

You respectfully

John R Anderson

John R. Anderson

24 Jany 1829.

An^d 12 Feby 1829

Public Arms

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W A S H ⁿ

Jan 24

G^a

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To His Excellency

John Forsyth

Milledgeville

Ga

answer ,

The Gune must be dd in Milledgville at
Ga, q^t m^t ? ----- JR.

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Hamilton Jany 29. 1829

Sir

By reference to the law Military of Geo. I discover that his excellency the Governor "is authorized to Cause a Sufficient number of" the Copies of the Malitia Law of Geo the acts of Congress more effectually to provide for the Common Defence & C & the books & articles therein named to be distributed throughout the State so that all Commissioned officers down to the Captain & c shall have one Copy each On application at the Clerks office I found one or two of the infantry Tactics & some few of the Copies of the Malitia Law of the state- But there are now none in the office & none of the offices are Supplied. I thought it My duty to appraise Your excellency of the situation of the Malitia & request that the proper Means be adapted to furnish us as quick as possible - for it is utterly impossible to advance the redgiment to any state of respectability in military Skill untill these books are given to the respective officers. & untill by their use they beome Conversant with them- Your excellency will Oblige my Writing me on the Subject

I am Your excellencys

Most obt Servt

James Wadsworth

Col Commanding

(On reverse)

James Wadsworth

An^d 14 Feby 1829.

Military Miscel.¹

Hamilton Geo)
January 29)

1829

His Excellency John Forsyth

Milledgeville
Geo

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Lawrenceville -- Januy 31st 1829

To His Excellency John Forsyth.

Dr. Sir, When our member John Boring Esqr. was at Milledgeville, I requested him to call on you and ascertain what was necessary to do in order that we might draw out arms for our Troop of Cavalry.--

He informed me we would have to give bond & security for their delivery when called for.--

I am at a loss to know the form of the bond & the amount of the penalty. If you would have a blank Bond sent up I would have it filled up, I wish to know who is to approve the security, and where we are to get the arms, If they are to come from Augusta, as your order will be necessary I hope it will be forwarded with the other instructions. We will need 50 swords & one hundred pistols, we would be glad to get good ones if there be any difference in the quality. -as Col. Hutchens one of your Aids resides at this place perhaps it would be convenient for him to attend to whatever arrangements would be necessary to enable us to draw our arms.- any duty required of him from the Executive would be promptly attended to. - any instructions given to me, or any duty imposed will be punctually attended to.--we will be at the expense of sending for the arms, we are anxious to get the arms as soon as possible. we hope this will receive attention as soon as your convenience will admit.--

I remain yours Respectfully &c

His Excellency

Thos^d W. Alexander

John Forsyth

Captⁿ of Cavalry

(On Reverse)
Lawrenceville 9th Feby. Pr. Mail

His Excellency John Forsyth Milledgeville, Georgia
T. W. Alexander 31st. Jany. 1829 127 Arms

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Decatur 31st Janry 1829

His Ex.^{cl} John Forsyth:

Sir: I am instructed by the Maj^r Gen^l to inform you that the Reviews and Inspection, will commence for the 7th Division, at Walton County. that Orders are issued for the Drill and review for Walton on the 21st & 22nd of April. Newton, the 24th & 25th DeKalb 27th & 28th, Gwinnett the 30th and 1st. May, Hall the 41 NC 5th, Habersham one Regiment 7th - & 8th-, the other the 11th & 12th, Rabun the 14th & 15th.

Respectfully

John W Hooper Divⁿ Inspect^r

(Reverse)

His Exc.^l John Forsyth

Milledgeville

Geo.

Mail

Feb. 2 1829

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His Excellency Jno. Forsyth

Commandr in Chief

Sir

In conformity to orders from Brigadier General Harden, Commanding the 1st Division dated the 26th ultimo, (which I this day received) emanating from orders from yourself, I herewith hand you statement of the times & places the musters of Regiments & Battalions of this Brigade have been ordered to take place.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Armimore

Armier Near Waynesb.^o

2nd Feby 1829

Your Mo ob^t Serv.^t

David Taylor Jr

Brigadier General

2nd Brigade 1st Division

The 4th Regiment Near Jacksonbor.^o 6th & 7th April The 7th Regiment at Waynesbor.^o 9th & 10th do The 8th Regiment at Colo Grubbs. Buckhead 13th & 14th The 9th Regiment at Louisville, 15th & 16th

The Emanuel Co. Battalion at the Court House 17th & 18th

The Montgomery Co Battalion at the Court House 20 & 21st

The Tatnall Co. Battalion at the Court House 23rd & 24th

The Bulloch Co Battalion at the Court House 27th & 28th

(Reverse)

Waynesboro Ga
Feby 5th

His Excellency Jno. Forsyth 12th
Commander in Chief
Millidgeville
Geo.

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Head Quarters 5th Division G. M.
Monticello February 3rd 1829

Genl. Orders

The following will be the order of arrangements for the anuel Convention of the Field, Staff, Company, and Non Com-missioned officers of Reviews & Inspections of the 2nd Brigade 5th Division G. M. under your Command (Viz)

A convention of the Field Staff Company & non Com-missioned Officers of the Regiment in the County of Fayette at Fayetteville on Monday the 13th April next for the purpose of a Drill and on tuesday 14th of the same month and at the same place the Review & Inspection of said Regiment.

A Convention of the Field Staff Company and non Com-missioned officers of the Regiment in the County of Henry at M^cDonoughton Wednesday 15th April next for the purpose of a Drill and on Thursday 16th of the same month the Review & Inspection will be held at their usual Regimental Muster Ground.

A Convention of the Field Staff Company and non com-mission officers of the Regiment in the County of Butts at Jackson on friday the 17th day of Aprill next for the purpose of a Drill, and on Saturday 18th of the same month the Review & Inspection of Said last mentioned Regiment will be held at their usual Regimental muster ground.

The whole of said Regiments to meet at the times and places specifide armed and Equipted as the law directs

The Brigadier Gen.^l will detail to the Col.^o commanding Such evolutions to be performd as he may think proper, and will attend to there execution in person

By Order of Major Gen.^l R. C. Shorter

Brigadier Gen.^l Alex Ware)

M. Phillips

Division Inspector

Note -- Duplicate letter is signed by Brig.^r Gen.^l
William Flewellin

(Reverse on original and duplicate letter)

1.st Brigade
5 Division G. M.
when Reviews will
Commence

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Silkhope, near Savannah,
February 9th 1829 _____)

Sir:

The orders of the commander in chief of the 16th ult.^o were duly received; and published in the Savannah Republican in conformity with your request.

Division orders were issued on the 26th ult.^o I have directed General Taylor of the 2^d brigade; and Major Wayne, Inspector of the 1st Brigade - to "report to HeadQuarters, the time and place of the commencement of the several reviews. That of the Savannah Regiment will take place on Friday the 24th of April next, when I shall be very happy to see the Commander-in-chief, to shew him that command in fine order. The Squadron will also be received at the same time, which will I hope afford an additional inducement to his Excellency to visit us. If the Governor determines to come, please inform me of it, in order that he may receive the necessary Military honors.

I have delayed this communication to confer with my Brigade Inspector, who has been absent.

Very respectfully

PS Enclosed you have y^r ob^t Serv.
the order of the musters
of the 1. Brigade -- E.H.Ed: Harden commanding

1 Division G. Militia
E. H. Pierce Esq. Military Secretary to the Commander in chief.

Order of Musters of the first Brigade for 1829

1. Effingham battalion	tuesday 7 April 1829.
2. Bryan ----do --	thursday 9 --- do
3. Liberty ---do --	Saturday 11 -- do
4. McIntosh --do---	Monday 13 -- do
5. Camden -- do---	Thursday 16 -- do
6. Wayne ---- do---	Saturday 18--- do
7. Glynn ---- do --	Monday 20 -- do
8. ~~Offrs. Drill~~ 1 Reg ^t	Thursday 23 -- do
9. Insp ⁿ & Review do	Friday 24 -- do
10. 2. batt. Chat. County	Saturday 21 -- do

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P.S. the musters begin on tuesday in Effingham because
the court of ordinary sits on Monday

Public Service

Ed: Harden B. G. commanding
1 division Georgia Militia.

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E. H. Pierce Esquire

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Head Quarters 1st Brigade 2nd Div.

Warren County Ga

13th February 1829.

Sir.

In conformity with your directions of the 5th of Decr last, I proceeded immediately and collected as many of the public arms in and about Warrenton, as have come to my knowledge, which were formerly in the possession of the "State Guards" and have deposited them in Warrenton - I also give notice at the Court House Door and elsewhere in the county that I would attend in Warrenton on the sixth (6th) of last month, (which I accordingly did) for the purpose of contracting with the lowest bidder, for Transporting said arms to the public Arsenal in Milledgville, but did not receive a bid; since that time I have made frequent attempts to effect a bargain, but have not as yet been able to carry one into effect;

The Reviews & Inspection of the Militia of my Brigade will commence on the first Monday in April next, in Richmond County, and proceed immediately thro' the Brigade.

Respectfully

Yr obdt. Servt.

Aaron W. Grier

To
His Excellency the)
Commander in chief)

(Reverse)

Aaron W. Grier
13th Feby 1829

Public Arms

Tarvers Mills 10
Feb 28

His Excellency
John Forsyth
Mail) Milledgville Ga.

Decatur 14th Feby 1829

His Exc¹ John Forsyth

Sir

I am instructed by th- Majr Gen¹ of the 7 th Division to inform you that the orders for Review and Inspection at the times and places as reported to you by me on the 31st Ult has been countermanded to suit the convenience of Genl Venable who wished to attend the Reviews in the 2nd Brigade and could not do so at the time appointed on account of his professional duties. The Review & Inspection will commence at Walton on the 4th and 5th May at Newton on the 6th and 7th at DeKalb on the 8th and 9th at Gwinnett on the 11th and 12th at Hall on the 14th and 15th at our Regiment in Habersham on the 18th and 19th at the other 20th and 21st at Rabun 22nd and 23rd

Very Respectfully your

Obdt Servt

John W Hooper

Division Inspector

(Reverse)

Division Inspectors
Report
7 Division Geo. Militia
When Review will commence
Feby 1829

His Exel John Forsyth
Milledgeville
Georgia

Mail

Augusta 21 th February 1829

His Excellency

George M. Troup

Agreeably to your Excellency's instructions contained in a letter of the 30th December I forwarded to Captain Gordon Eighty pair of Pistols and Eighty sabres, the number required for the Squadron of Cavalry attached with 1st Brigade of the 1st Division; the receipt of which, in good order, he has acknowledged.

He desires to know whether the mere receipt of the Commanders of Corps will suffice or whether Bond & security will be required of them. I presume that, of course, the latter is required, but I am at a loss both with regard to the amount & proper conditions of the Bond. It appears by a Resolution of the House of Representatives of the 18th December 1824, that these arms were to be distributed on such terms and conditions as might be deem'd proper by your Excellency. On these points I request your instructions.

The Reviews & Inspections in this Division being ordered to begin on the first Monday in March, the very day in which our Circuit Commences. I am constrained to ask of your Excellency an exemption from the duty required of your Aids-de-Camp on these occasions.

I should not think of making the request if my private & professional business did not, just at that period, require more than ordinary attention.

I have the honor to be

respectfully your obedt Serv^t

Henry H. Cumming

P. S.

It would be more correct to say that these arms were forwarded agreeably to your instructions as modified subsequently by the letter of Mr Pierce of the 23rd January last

H. H. C.

Copy of Capt Gordon's Bill of Expenses for transportation of arms forwarded to them.

Freight from Augusta \$5 drayage & wharfage \$1.50 650

Freight to Liberty & Darien \$3 drayage & wharfage

\$130 430

\$ 10.80

Col^d H. H. Cumming

21 Feby 1827

P Arms

12 P

His Excellency

George M Troup

Governor &c

Milledgeville

M^r Fort

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Have you any knowledge in what State the cask of Lime was in that came by Wagons from Augusta?

Answer No. I was not here at the time.

Do you know any thing of the condition the cask of Lime was in that arrived from Darien? Was any of the cask in a Broken State?

Answer The cask of Lime was in the cellar when I came but most of them was in a bad state.

When Lime was wanted for use about the State House, who in general choose out the cask? if you, did you choose out the best cask?

Answer When I chose them out, I endeavored to get the best cask, and those that was the least slack.d.

Was any of the cask of Lime that you wish.d up-to appeance air slack.d?

Answer Several cask had but few lump in them.

Did you open any of the cask of Lime in order to ascertain Whether the lime in the casks was air slack.d, if so, how did you find the condition of the lime in the cask?

Answer I opened those that I thought was good, and used the best of them, the others that I examined and refused to take, I left with the upper head out.-

What portion of the cask of Lime at present in the cellar of the State House, has been filled with lime from broken cask?

Answer About one third. there may have been more or their might have been a smaller quantity.-

Miranda Fort

March 31 1829

Abstract of the annual Return of the 37th Regiment
of Georgia Militia for the Year 1829

Infantry.

1	Regiment
2	Battalions
1	Colonel
1	Lieut. Col.
1	Major
1	Paymaster
1	2 nd Master
1	Adjutant
2	Surgeon
20	do Mates
10	Companies
9	Captains
14	Lieutenants
6	Ensigns
1	Sergeant Major
1	2 nd Master Sargeons
1	Drum Major
1	Fife Major
38	Sergeants
36	Corporals
4	Musicians
400	Privates
350	Aggregate including Commissions non Commission Officers Musicians & Privates

Cavalary

0	Companies
0	Lieutenants
0	Coronet
0	Farrier
0	Sergeants
0	Corporals
0	Trumpeter
0	Privates

Arms

14	Swords
14	Shebards & Bitts for Swords
300	Shot Guns
400	Muskets
65	Rifles
3	Drums
1	Fifes

William W. Farnum, Adjutant
James Wimberly, Col. 37 Reg. G. M.

11th April 1829

Tenth Reg^t Geo^a Mo^a

Augusta April 30th 1829

To Maj^r Gen^l W W Montgomery

Sir I have the honor of reporting the number of arms destroyed by the State fires belonging to the Volunteers Companies attached to the Regiment under my Command Viz.

Irish Volunteers	33	
Union Guards	55	
Georgia Fencibles	35	
	<u>123</u>	Muskets & Bayonets
Lafayette Riflemen	73	Rifles
Richmond Hussars	8	pr Pistoles
do do	7	Swords

A C Colarrell
Col 10th Reg^t G M

(Reverse)

Mem. Arms destroyed by fire

1829

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Savannah 8th May 1829

His

Excellency G. R. Gilmer

Sir

I have forwarded This Day Fourteen
Boxes containing Pistols to the care of Messrs Reese & Beall
Augusta Georgia to be forwarded to Milledgeville

Respectfully

F. M. Stone

(Letter)

To F. M. Stone

Savannah

10th May

1839

His

Excellency Geo. R. Gilmer
Milledgeville
Georgia

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Bill of Lading for
14 Boxes Merchandise
enclosed

Head Quarters 1st Brigade 3rd
Division G. M.
Savannah 1st June 1829

His Excellency

Jno Forsyth

Sir, Accompanying, is the return of the strength, arms and equipments &c of the Militia of the 1st Brigade. 3rd Division of Georgia, are consolidated by me from the returns of the several Adjutants belonging to the regiments composing the Brigade.

The Militia in this Brigade are generally well armed: but in point of discipline, extremely deficient.

This deficiency is readily traced to the want of knowledge among the officers commanding companies: and this ignorance is to be attributed to the manner in which officers have been thrown into Command, more than a large proportion of these officers, hold their Command by brevet: and although in these cases, the best selections possible, have been made, yet, these officers, have unfortunately, not been inspired with sufficient spirit, as to turn their attention to the study of Military tactics, to any extent, by which they might improve themselves, or communicate instructions to those under their Command. From this cause, much delay arises, in the improvement of the condition of our Militia. Field and staff officers in the counties of Baldwin and Morgan, and in partial uniform: in Putnam county, they are fully uniformed, Instructions were given the former, to equip themselves agreeably to the laws of the State.

Full returns have not been received from any of the Adjutants. The greatest deficiencies have occurred in the regiment in Baldwin, and the lower regiment of Morgan. Several companies were

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entirely absent, in the regiments above alluded to: & orders were given to the Commanding officers, to inquire into the cause of such absence, & report the defaulting officers, to be dealt with under sentence of Court-Martial.

Many of the muskets reported on the Adjutants' return are public arms: the greater part of them are in the County of Putnam, and all except those in the possession of the Volunteer Corps in Baldwin, are in a shameful & ruinous condition. Much might be saved the State by ordering their immediate return to the arsenal. In their present condition, they must be lost, for already are they scattered over the counties & in the possession of such men, mostly, who are entering regardless of their preservation.

Much attention was bestowed upon the drill of both officers & privates: but, it is apprehended little or no good was done. It is impossible, under the present organization of our Militia, that General musters can be of much good, when men are not called into service more than once a year, & detained there, not more than four hours at that time: and so long as our musters are esteemed nothing more than mere formalities, instructions at such time can prove of no substantial good. This difficulty, might be relieved against by calling out the Militia into service for four or five days, once or twice a year, & then subjecting them, to all the rules and regulations of regular services, And, calling out only one third of the men capable of bearing arms, at each muster: so that in three years the whole will have performed a term of service, & have served as many days as they would have served under the present laws, were they called out, but, once a year. Under such a regulation, instruction could be more

easily & regularly communicated & discipline enforced: the authority of officers were obeyed & respected, & the object of military reviews were fully compassed. Under such a regulation, it might prove of no disadvantage, to exempt from service during time of peace, such men, as would hold their commission as officers for a certain length of time.

A regular, system of promotions would tend greatly to promoting the permanency of our military institutions. It is indifferent gratification to an officer, who has long served in command, to see another officer of inferior rank & less standing, lifted over his head into office, & his only remaining hope of preferment, the uncertain chances of good luck. Let all superior officers, be selected from those of the next inferior rank, & let that election be made from among themselves.

Upon an examination of the law, I thought it my duty to attend the regimental & battalion musters of the Brigade, Accordingly upon the presentation of the first opportunity I did so: if this duty is required of me, I shall expect to receive compensation for it, as in other cases, I have made out my account for it, with my account for other services, & shall be happy to abide your Excellencys construction of the law.

The account as made out, I do hereby certify to be just & true, as to services rendered, whether they may be embraced by the law or not -

(Reverse)

The State of Georgia

In a/c with Jas Meriwether
Brigade Inspector

1829 To drilling & reviewing Colo Reed's	
June regiment Putnam Co-2 days - 14 & 15 May	\$8.00
To 9 days service in attending reviews 2 inspections 1st Brig-3rd Div-from 1st to 9th May inclusive including transportation	36.00
To 1 days service distributing orders for review	4.00
To 1 " " consolidating Adjutant's returns	4.00
With respect your obdt Ser! Jas Meriwether	

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Monroe 25th May 1829

To His Excellency

John Forsyth

Sir,

In obedience to custom heretofore, I herewith transmit the annual Report of the Militia of the Second Brigade of the Seventh Division of this State for the present year. In doing so I take great pleasure in stating that the Militia in this Brigade exhibits a very healthy appearance and possesses an equal share of military pride; The volunteer companies attached to the 42nd Reg^t. Walton County are in good order and can be ready at a short notice to answer the call of the Executive in case of emergency, there are others in progress and will be complete in a short time, I included in this Report the Cavalry attached to the 54 - Reg^t. Dekalb County, altho they were not in complete uniform, but the instructions heretofore have been to encourage all volunteer companies and in pursuance thereof I gave assurance that so soon as completed they no doubt would be furnished with arms - Notwithstanding the great defect in the Militia System of this State, the Militia of the Brigade are under good discipline & Subordination.

Respectfully

Egbert B. Beall

Brigade Inspector

REVERSE

Monroe W.C.G.
25th May

To His Excellency John Forsyth
Milledgeville, Georgia
Brigade Report)