

Savannah 29th June 1822

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His Excellency Jn^o Clark

Governor of the St^t of Georgia

Sir

When I addressed you under date of the 24th of May on the subject of the Arms & munitions of war belonging, Or as I supposed belonged to the State of Georgia in this place, I avoided as much as possible from Censuring the party in whose Charge they were, altho for a length of time a witness of the neglect - but well aware that in case of any excitement, which has now taken place (in Consequence of official notice that an Insurrection has been discovered as Contemplated in Charleston Amongst the Negroes) that public attention would be directed to the insecure State of the public Arms, as you will perceive it has by the enclosed Copy of a letter from the Mayor of this City, with my reply thereto. On the receipt of the letter from the Mayor I addressed a note to Colonel Fannin, and we proceeded to the place of deposit, which is a miserable and unsafe wooden shed, near the Gail - a wooden shutter running in a groove, which at pleasure can with the hand be slid up, and a person enter - In this place was exposed a large quantity of muskets- musket Balls, grape & Cannister shot, match rope, Cartridge Boxes- Bayonet sheathes, Cross Belts &^c &^c &^c - in fact every article requisite for Organizing a force, Colonel Fannin & myself Could not hesitate at Once pronouncing the entire as unsafe, evin without any Cause of alarm, and immediately called upon M^r Stone the military Store Keeper whom we found was absent from the City, and had been so for some time; The Arms &c I am informed are now Conveying to a place of Security

Your letter of the 10th Ins^t was received and an answer given in Conformity with the Same. I am Sir Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Sev^t

(On reverse)

Letter Col^o James

Hunter 29th June 1822

Answer written 11th July 1822

J Hunter

Aid D. Camp

Savannah July 11th 1822

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His Excellency John Clarke,

Sir

I hasten to inform you that the arms belonging to the State, in this City, have been removed from the Arsenal at the suggestion of his Honor the Mayor and Col. Steele White. They are placed in a Room fitted up by the City for an arsenal the building is fire proof, and in a more safe place than the State Arsenal. The latter building is of Wood 150 feet long, with one door at each end, and two Windows, and fifteen Windows on the South side of the building, the former building is of brick. The Windows of the State Arsenal slide up and fasten with a pin the North side forms one part of the Jail Fence. I should have written before but have been absent from the City, & the Gentleman I left in Charge, was taken ill. I would again suggest to your Excellency, the necessary of having the arms and munitions of War put in a state of preservation.

I have the honor Sir

to be very respectfully

Yr. Ob^t Sv^t

F. M. Stone

P. S.

I shall be thankful for
an early answer.

F.M.S.

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(Letter)
F. M. Stone Esq.
1822

(Public Arms)
His Excellency John Clarke
Governor &c
Milledgeville

Savannah July 22. 1822

To His
Excellency John Clark
Governor &c.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the
rec't. of yours of the 15th ins: in reply to mine of the 28th Ult:-

I will take the liberty to make barly our remark upon
that part of the Second paragraph of your letter, in which you
have reference, only to a part of the law of 1821, and merely ob-
serve that it does not only remove the restrictions "as to the
number of Companies" as Stated by you, but it particularly, also
relates to the number of men, and is thus worded, - - "There shall
be no restrictions So as to prevent the existence of any number of
volunteer Corps, or any number of men in each Company."

If, as condition'd in the beginning of the 13th Sec:
of the law of 1818, the State has not yet procured arms and equip-
ments, thru your Excellency is justified in the determination, not
to issur them, event, "in cases of emergency". But, I do not under-
stand, that there is any deficiency, of them under the control of
the State -- for it is Self evident, if there are none in possession,
none can be issued. The 13th Sec: of the law of '18 says "Until
army and equipments are procured" &c &c. If then, they have been
procured by the State, this condition, is, to all intents and pur-
poses removed, and if they are not design'd to place the best possi-
ble Species of Militia force in a condition to operate efficiently,
then I presume they are destin'd to lay in the arsenal until an
"emergency" presents itself.

Your Excellency will also observe, that the 13th Sec-
tion of the law of '18, also requires, that "volunteer companies of

Light Infantry, &c &c shall at all times be and appear &c &c arm'd, equipp'd, and provided as the Militia law of the U. S. prescribes," and this, means, Muskets and bayonets principally. It is very well known that U. S. Muskets are not to be bought, except at auction: deposited for State by Migratory Citizens, and in More than one instance, have I caused to be Siezed, all arms thus placed and recognized. I am however aware that it is unnecessary to urge the claims this Section of the State has upon you; altho' I do now consider that an exigency exists which I would Suppose ought to be consider'd., as an "emergency" of Sufficient importance to claim the attention of the Execution of the State.

I now realize the promise contain'd in the conclusion of mine of the 28th Ultio: and enclose you copy of the return of the regiment -- anticipatise the probability of your not yet having rec'd one.

Respectfully Sir Yrs &c

Steele White Colonel

Commg. 1st Regt Geo: Militia

(Reverse)

Letter

Col White

Savannah

1822

Public arms &c

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This is to Certify that Brigade Major William Hamilton did attend
the Convention of officers & review of Inspection on the 17th &
18th Inst June 18th 1822

Nathan R Maddox Lieut Colon

Commanding

This is to certify that Brigade Major William Hamilton did attend
the convention of officers and of review & inspection on the 19th
& 20th June Last. This 15th August 1822

Roger Lawson Col.

Comd'g 37th Regmt. G. M.

I certify Brigade Major William Hamilton attended the convention
of officers & review of Inspection on the 14th Inst June 15th 1822

J Blackshear Col 39th

R G M

I do hereby Certify that William Overstreet has acted as Brigade
Inspector at the Revue and Inspection of the 2nd & 37 Battallions
composing the 35th Regiment of Geo. Militia in which service he
was five days on duty -

May 21st 1822

Wm Harrison Colonel

Commanding the 35 Regiment

Georgia Militia

This is to Certify that Brigade Major William Hamilton did attend
the Convention of officers & review of Inspection on the 21st &
22nd of June 1822 - Lewis Lee Col

Commanding the = 34th

Regim't - G. M.

(Torn) The State of Georgia
To Samuel Robison D^r

For thirteen days Servis as division Inspector to the 6th
Military Division commencing on the Eleventh & Ending on the
Twenty third June both days Inclusive @ - \$4. per day - \$52⁰⁰-

Samuel Robison D. I.

6th Division

I do certify that the above Servisses was rendered as stated
this 24 July 1822

Ezekiel Wimberly

Majr Gen^l Comd

6 Division

(Reverse) Military

(Copy)

Savannah July 29th 1822

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Col: James Hunter

Sir,

Some short time ago I made application to M^r Stone, who I believe is acting as State Military Store Keeper for the privilege to have put in proper Condition, fit for use in any case of emergency, about 150 to 200 Stand of Arms, now laying in an armory under the Light Artillery Laboratory: which application was assented to. Under which arrangement, I have Proceeded to employ a person, competent as an Armorer, to Prepare sacks & to fit up Completely from 150 to 200 of the arms referd to; and to have them So arranged that they could be used efficiently, at a Moments Notice. I have Since that time, applied to M^r S. to confirm this arrangement, and he states to me he is required to act under the instructions of the Governor's Aids in Savannah; and that you have dessented.

The last Annual return from this Regiment represented its Infantry force at about 900 strong; Out of this Number only 319 are provided with arms and equipments. Adverting to this fact only, I presume it is unnecessary to attempt any excitement by directing Your attention to the alarming Commotion into which a neighboring City has been thrown, from a Circunstance Which is just as likely to originate with us from like causes. You will remark that about 600 of the efficient Population of our City are destitute of the means to meet any exigency that may grow out of design or accident. Whatever Security we may feel from the danger of either of these causes, I hold it as a wise axiom, that in order to Guard against an evil, We Should ever be prepared to meet it. The circumstances which have placed Charleston in its present alarming condition, were not originated in an hour, nor in a day: but I understand have been maturing for 3 or 4 years: and such has been the judicious manner of arrangement. That the plot was dis-

covered only at the moment of execution. It may not be an unreasonable 58
Conclusion that the germs of a Similar Scheme may already have attain'd
Considerable advancement with us. Hence the necessity of being fully
prepard to meet the event. I am therefore Particularly desirous to pro-
tect my responsibility and am particularly anxious to leave no precau-
tionary Measure neglected: And request of you the privilege to have the
Control of the State Munitions, Now in Savannah (or such of them as may
be deem'd Necessary) so far as to enable me to have them so arranged, and
disposed of that they may be rendered effectually useful under any exi-
gency

Respectfully Sir Yours &c.

Signed, Steele White

Colonel

Commg 1st Geo. Mil.

(Copy)

Savannah 30th July 1822

Colonel Steele White

Commg 1st Regt Geo Militia

Sir,

I am honored with your Communication
under date of Yesterday, and regret that I find nothing in the Communi-
cations I have received from His Excellency that would justify my ac-
ceeding to your request - Judicious, necessary, and expedient as I
view the Same, I shall however transmit a Copy of your Letter to the
Commander in Chief, and as soon as his Pleasure is made Known you shall
be advised of the result

Your experience as a Millitary Man, will at once admit, that the
first duty of a Soldier is obedience, and that of an officer never to
exceed the orders of Authority given by his Superior.

I am Sir with much respect

Your Ob^t Servant

J Hunter

Aid D. C.

(Signed)

Savannah 30th July 1822--

His Excellency Governor Clark

Sir

I was duly honored by the receipt of Your favor under date of the 11th Ins^t with its enclosures, since which time the necessary steps have been taken to place the Arms and Munitions of war, in the best possible situation, the piece of Ordinance has been removed from the fortification and housed, a proper regard to economy at all times will be observed--

The purpose of the present is to hand you a Copy of a Communication received from Colonel White, with my reply thereto, waiting the further Orders of Your Excellency - I am with much respect

Your Obed^t Ser^t

J Hunter

Aid. D.

(On reverse)

Letter

J. Hunter. Savan^h1822Public Arms

Savannah 31st July 1822.

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Sir,

Captain John Latherp a respectable citizen of this, who has lately been Elected by an association of sixty six men, all capable of bearing Arms there Captain - Called on me today and requested me to address your Excellency in his behalf, and that of his Subaltern's Solicitating that commissions might Issue, upon the returns made to the Department, for the Officers of the "Georgia Volunteers" and in that event that the usual indulgences might be extended to them as to other Volunteer Corps, of the use of Arms & accouterments from the state Arscenal, untill they could procure them from the North, where they had ordered them made. From the respectability of the Officers and men of this new association and of my opinion of there usefulness in the event of entestine commotion - I could not hesitate to comply with his request, and at the same time to express my anxiety for the success of the Company.

It seems that this Company is composed principally of Northern men in business here, who are not altogether satisfied with the prevailing influences which controls matters & things, and are therefore desirous of doing duty under officers of there own creation - and as I have no reason to suppose that there object is other than usefulness - I submit the subject for your consideration.

I have heard of no rival objections on the part of other Corps. and if there should be any entertained, I see no reason why it should maintain.

(sic)
From the Authority vested in mysel and Col. James Hunter, your aids. I could not feel myself authorised in complying with any requisition from the State arscenal not sanctioned by your Excellency though it would be pleasing to comply with the wishes of this Infant Corps --- More particularly at this time, when public excitement is to alived to the exposed situation and alike commotion of

Charleston.

I have the honor to be with high Consideration

Your Obt. H Ser.^t

A. B. Fannin

Ada De. Camp

His Ex:

Governor Clark

Letter

A. B. Fannin

Savannah

1822

Public Arms &

His Excellency

Governor Clark,

Milledgeville

Geo.

Mail)

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Milledgeville 8.th August 1822.

To His Excellency
Governor Clark,

Sir,

Mr. John Burch is hereby fully
authorized to receive and receipt for the amount due me for
services rendered as Division Inspector, and account for which
amounting to \$52. I have this day deposited in the Executive
Office, and which said account is certified by Major General
Ezekiel Wimberly . -

I am respectfully

Your ob^t Serv^t

Samuel Robison

(Reverse) His Excellency
Governor Clark
Present
Account
Sam^l Robison
Division Inspector
6.th Div.
Order taken
13.th August 1822.

The State of Georgia D^r.

To William Hamilton

For 11 days service as Brigade Inspector of the 1st Brigade
of the 6th Division Georgia Militia - at 4 dollars p^r day ---
\$44.00

I Certify the above acct. is just & true as it stands stated.
W^m Hamilton The above acc^t includes 9 days Brig^d Inspector in
service & three in going to & returning home

Aug^t 17th 1822

Account

Major W^m Hamilton
Brig^d Inspector 1st Brigade
of the 6th Division with
vouchers in support of it.

Order Taken

17th August 1822

Lexington 23^d Aug^t 1822

To his Excellency

Gov^r Clark

I have sent M^r Knoulman, for the cartridge boxes & bayonet Scabbards with their belts, which was the subject of our Interview at Athens - Subjoined is my receipt for the (torn) which I consider all that is (torn) Should it however be otherwise, please (torn) the Instrument by M^r Knoulman, which shall be executed by me here, -

Yr M^o Ob^t Serv^t

Miller Grieve

Rec^d from his excellency John Clark Governor of the State of Georgia, sixty cartridge boxes Sixty bayonet Scabbards, with their belts attached, - which I promise to return when demanded by the State.

Miller Grieve

23^d Aug^t 1822

Note - There being no Belts in the Arsenal, consequently none were delivered)

REVERSE

Application

from Capt. Miller Grieve
of Oglethorpe County.

for Cartouch Boxes &c.

Ordered to be filed

27th August 1822.

To his Excellency

Governor Clark

Milledgeville Ga

Executive Office Milledgeville

6th Sept. 1822

Sir,

His Excellency Governor Clark having placed in my hands, the money received from the General Government to pay the first installment on the Claims against the Creek Nation of Indians as allowed by the President under the late Treaty. He has referred to me, for reply, your letter of the 10th Ultimo.

In reference to the Orders drawn by John Lang on Col^o Joseph Phillips and William Hill in favor of Major Robert Fullwood. I am of opinion, that it would be improper to pay the money on them unless supported by other evidence of the Transfer or sale of the claims, as it is possible that Lang might have previously sold his claims to Col^o Phillips and William Hill who might have refused to deliver up said account and Power of Attorney, which is not altogether improbable, as both the orders appear to have remained in Major Fullwoods possession, the Bill of sale you mention might probably do away the difficulty as to the Power of Attorney given to Hill, if you can procure it, or an authenticated Copy, and the order in the other case may be sufficient, if there should be no other application better supported, and this the best you can obtain, by producing legal evidence of your being the Executor of Robert Fullwood, and that you procured the proof and attended to the Establishment of the Claims in question. I have been led to the supposition of these difficulties from the circumstance you mention of the Heirs of Col^o Easley holding the Bills of Sale, from which it may be inferred that they have some pretensions to the claim.

It is desirable that the rightful owners should receive the money and unless I was better acquainted with the circumstances I am unable to give a definite opinion of what would be sufficient evidence of Major Fullwoods right to these Claims - You being acquainted with the circumstances can be the best judge what evidence should be ac-

quired for you to produce to entitle you to receive it.

No part of the money due in the other cases you mention has been drawn but should application be made by any person producing satisfactory evidence of their being entitled to receive it it will have to be paid, as it is conceived that it would be improper to withhold it. Great care will however be taken not to pay to any person who may not be entitled to it.

With respect

Your Obt Servant

Elisha Wood

Wm Meriwether Esquire
Watkinsville
Clark County

(Reverse)

Copy of a
Letter to W^m
Meriwether Esq^r
6th Sept 1822

Savannah Oct. 15. 1822.

Sir,

In this Brigade there is, it is believed, but one Company of Riflemen - that which is attached to the Legion of Republican Blues and from the nature of their arm & their appropriate duties it is obvious that it must be a Corps in the highest degree, important to the tranquility & security of a Section of the State which from its frontier situation & the character of its population is so exposed & feeble.

But without good arms such a Corps cannot flourish or even exist & those which are in our possession are so entirely defective, indeed useless, that unless others be furnished we shall be obliged to dissolve. The rifles manufactured at Harper's Ferry are it is understood much superior to those which have been furnished the Blues & I should esteem it a favour if you would cause us to be furnished with about 100 hand of them. Should the State not have them, they can doubtless be obtained by a requisition on the War Department. Those with bayonets will be greatly preferred.

The Muskets with which the infantry of the Legion are armed have been in possession of the Corps for at least fourteen years & are old & defective. It is desirable that these should be exchanged for others similar to those furnished to the "Guards" & of which a number are believed to be at the arsenal in this City under the Control of Col. Hunter who will comply with any order you may be pleased to make in our favour.

Your early attention to these requests will greatly oblige

Your Very Ob^t Serv^t

Jn^o C Nicoll

Cap^t Command^s Legion

Republican Blues

His Exc^y Gov.^r Clark.

(Reverse:) _____ His Exc^y Gov.^r Clark 18th

Milledgeville Georgia

Letter

John C Nicoll

15th Oct^r 1822

Answer written

24th Oct. 1822.

Savannah Dec. 26., 1822

Dear Sir

From our inability to obtain such rifles as I made application to you for, some time since, a large number of the Republican Blues have determined to adopt the musket in their stead. Of this latter arm we have too few to supply our present, which are increasing, wants & I am therefore constrained to request from you an order for fifty or Sixty stand.

I cannot doubt your ready compliance with this request, as every other Company of Infantry in this City- the Guards, the Fencibles & the Georgia Volunteers- has, it is understood, received arms from the State during your Excellency's administration-while this, should it be accorded, will be the first favour that the Blues will have received from the Executive-as also it is first they have asked-since their organization in 1808 or 1809.

They are and have been equipped since that organization & therefore come within the provision of the Militia Law which relates to Volunteer Corps. This, it is believed, also places their claims on an equality with those of the others-& your Excellency will perhaps recollect that in the year 1812, when it was understood that the General Government required from it's Citizens the performance of military services in Florida the whole of this Corps tendered theirs & performed a tour of duty in that province-& that in the very succeeding Winter, when the Militia were drafted, this Company saved the Regiment from the odium of submitting to a draft by again volunteering for a year & at this period their numbers were greater than they had ever been before or than belonged to any other company-certainly in this part of the State.

If the law contemplates the distribution of arms only in

cases of emergency- the situation of this section of the State, the character of it's population & the events acted in So Carolina admonish us that that state of emergency may be regarded as always existing here. But whether the law or the facts be or be not so in neither event can I presume that this application will meet with a success different from that which attended the application of the Georgia Volunteers to whom, under an Executive Order of the 30th Sept^r last, Sixty stand of muskets have been delivered.

Nor can a compliance with it be regarded as conferring a favour on us alone. The State itself will be benefitted by sustaining & encouraging a corps which has imposed on itself the performance of greater duties & the attainment of a higher discipline than belong to the mass of the Militia & which has always evinced the most patriotic alacrity- & whose members are more permanently fixed in Savannah than any other of it's population.

You would greatly oblige me if by your prompt compliance with this request you should enable us to obtain muskets some days before the 8th of January.

I am with great regard

Most Respectf^y

Your Ob^t Hble Serv^t

Jn^o C Nicoll

Cap^t Com^d Rep. Blues.

PS Be pleased to present my best respects to M^{rs} Clark & to Col. & M^{rs} Campbell

(Reverse:) _____ His Exc^y John Clark Governor
Milledgeville, Georgia

Letter _____ John C. Nicoll

26 December 1822

Answer written 2 January 1823

Apportionment of Arms to the several States and Territories of the United States, procured under the Act of April, 1808, "for Arming and Equipping the whole body of the Militia of the United States;" during the years 1816, 1817, 1818, 1819, 1820, 1821, and 1822.

The arms and accoutrements procured under the Act, during the above period, consist of muskets, rifles, pistols, cavalry sabres, non-commissioned officers' swords, and accoutrements for small arms generally. A small number of six pound cannon, and twenty-four pound howitzers, have also been procured; but no carriages have yet been provided for them. The principal part of the arms procured, however, consist of muskets; and for convenience, therefore, the apportionment has been made, and the respective quotas have been assigned, in muskets only. The whole amount of arms procured, estimated according to the average contract price of each respectively, are equal, in value, to ninety-four thousand muskets. Therefore, ninety-four thousand muskets, or other arms of equivalent value, are apportioned to the militia of the several States and Territories, for the period of seven years, above mentioned.

The aggregate effective strength of the whole body of the Militia of the United States, computed from the average strength of the Militia, of each State and Territory, for each of the years embraced in the period mentioned, is nine hundred and eight thousand, one hundred and seventy-two.

The average number of the Militia in State of Georgia, during the same period, as ascertained from the returns on file in the office of the Adjutant General; is 29,120.

The number of arms apportioned to the State, is shown as follows: viz.

As 908,172 is to 94,000; so is 29,120 to 3,014.

Therefore the quota of Georgia in this apportionment, is 3,014 muskets.

Any arms which may have been delivered to the State, on account of this apportionment, are to be deducted from the quota above stated; and the remainder will be the balance now due to the State. An account current showing this balance, is transmitted herewith.

This Department is now prepared to transmit to the State, the balance due; and it is optional with the Executive authority of the State, to receive the whole of it in muskets; or, to take portions of it in other arms or accoutrements, of equal value, not exceeding the following proportions: viz.

One eighth part of the balance in rifles.	
One fifth part	do. pistols.
One sixth part	do. Cavalry sabres
One seventeenth part	do. non-com-
missioned officers' swords.	

And whatever balance may remain will be paid in muskets. Accoutrements for any part, or for all the foregoing arms

will be furnished.

The relative value of the several kinds of arms and accoutrements, will be estimated according to the average contract prices of each, respectively, and which are as follows: viz.

Muskets, each	- - - - -	\$14.00
Rifles, each	- - - - -	17.00
Pistols, each	- - - - -	8.00
Cavalry Sabres, each	- - - - -	8.00
Non-commissioned officers' swords, each	- - - - -	4.00
Accoutrements for muskets, per set, - -	- -	2.50
Accoutrements for Rifles, per set, from \$2.38 to 3.00	- -	
(according to the cost of those which may be furnished.)		
Cavalry sabre belts, each	- - - - -	.74

The arms will be transported to the State, at the expense of the United States, and will be delivered at any place within the State, situated upon navigable waters, which may be designated by the Governor, or other authorized officer, of the State. The United States cannot, however, incur any expense for transporting the arms to the interior, by land.

It is requisite that the proper authority of the State, should give triplicate receipts for the arms received, to the officer who delivered them.

ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT,
Washington City, July 10th, 1823.

G^{eo} Bamford, Lt Col^l
on ordnance duty.

1823

From Printed Copy

A Report

of the Military Equipment Appearance, & Conduct of the officers Com-

Times & places of Reveiws	Colonels Commands	Leiut ^s Colonels & Majors
Scriven Regi- ment on the 7th Inst at Jacksonsboro	The Colonel Commandant of this Regiment Augus- tus S. Jones was well equipped understood his duties well and acted with mush propriety	The Commanding officers of the Battalions composing this Reg- ment Leut Col Green, & Major Young were also well equipped and performed their respective duties much to their credit particularly the first
Tuttes Regi- ment in Burke on the 10th Inst at Waynesboro	Colonel Tutte commands the Waynesboro Regiment His appearance on the field is imposing and is imposing and is cap- able of being an Exeel- lent officer were he stricter in enforcing order while on duty	Leu ^t Col Thomas was not well uniformed but performed his duties in an offerlike manner- Major Ward is a new officer and is well equiped and with more expirience may make a good officer
Jefferson Regiment on the 17th Instant at Louisville	The Commanding officer of this Regiment was not well equipped but in other respects makes a very good officer	Both of the Commanding of- ficers of Battalions in this regiment, were handsomely uni- formed and made a fine appear- ance, and were conversant with their duties Leut Col Watsen & Maj Ross

Commanding & Subaltern of the different Regmts of 2nd Brig 1st Div. G.M.

Captains	Subaltern officers	General Remarks
The officers of this Grade in the Scriven Regiment were without exception not uniformed and consequently did not make a very martial appearance. Many of them were breveted and inexperienced But most of them performed tolerably well	The subordinate officers like the preceding were not uniformed and at times could not well be distinguished from the privates; but in consequence of previous good training by the commanding officer they as well as the privates uniformed admirably well for militia Soldiers	In a general report of this kind many things appertaining to the officers while engaged in duty must necessarily be omitted in not being able to recollect Every officers performance at the time. But suffice it to say that the two
Many of the Captains in this Regiment were brevetted and inexperienced but few of them were well uniformed or understood their duties well Excepting Captains Gordon & Shubart	The subordinate officers were (with but few Exceptions) not in uniforms, and generally ignorant in their duties, in consequence of the want of sufficient drilling by the Commanding Officers-	principal defects in our officers are ignorance of their duties, and the want of sufficient strictness in enforcing order at all times in the ranks
The officers of this Rank were generally well uniformed and without Exception conducted themselves with propriety	The subaltern officers were not generally in uniform but performed very well and the officers & privates generally deserve credit for their promptitude and skill in duty on the field	And it is to be regretted that in order to remove these evils, there is not a more Effectual remedy to prevent the too frequent resignations of of Commissions; and a

sufficient stimulus to Excite military pride in officers & privates to the performance of their several duties. And the want of this

stimulus is in great measure to be attributed, to the total absence of Every like music at many of the parades to cheer and animate the troops while engaged in the Exercises, and to the want of sufficient drilling by the officers Commanding and to the latter of these causes is mainly to be attributed the languishing state of the volunteer Corps in this Brigade which can never flourish while military duty is so slightly performed as is the case now.

William E. Walker

Aid-de-Camp

(On reverse)

Military Report

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Augusta March 17th. 1823.

His Excellency

John Clark

Dr sir/

Captain Coldwell, commanding one of the volunteer corps in Augusta, wishes me very much; to let him have Twenty five stand of arms, and conceiving, the arms would be better, to be employed than to remain in the boxes in the U.S. Arsenal; I wish your approbation, in order that I may comply with his wishes; If your Excellency should think proper to Authorise me to let him have them, you will please inform me as early as possible with great regard and Esteem

permit me to subscribe myself Respectfully

Your friend & obt Serv^t

Val. Walker

His Excellency

John Clark

(On reverse)

Letter

Maj. Gen^l Val. Walker

dated 17th. March 1823

Answer written 20th. March - 1823

His Excellency

John Clark

Mail)

Milledgeville

His Excellency John Clark

Sir.

Circumstances of an imperious nature forces on me the necessity of resigning the appointment of Keeper of the arsenal at this place. I feel grateful for the regard which your Excellency has manifested for my interest in bestowing on me this appointment when my prospects were very unpromising and indeed when I was in great want, and I beg you to be assured that no exertions shall be wanting on my part to render you any Services that may be in my power. You will therefore please to accept this and consider it my resignation of the appointment.

I am Sir

With the highest respect

Your Excy's obt. Serv^t

his
Peter M Gent
mark

Milledgeville 23rd April 1823.

(On Reverse)

Resignation of Mr. Peter Gent,
as Military Store Keeper at Milledgeville.

Ordered to be filed 5th May 1823.

His Excellency

Governor Clark.

Savannah 26th July 1823

To His Excellency Jn^o. Clark
Governor of the State of Geo

Sir

Subjoined I hand for your Excellency's information Copies of a Correspondence with Colonel Marshall, and hope the Same will meet Your approbation

I beg leave to remark, that the ammunition as heretofore is in charge of the Military Store Keeper, Capt^d Williams has promptly furnished the Chatham Artillery's magazine for Our Accomodation, which being placed in a Central position, is all important in case of An emergency -- I am Sir very Respectfully

Your Obedt Svt

J Hunter

Aid D^o Camp

"Public Service"

Marshall

Col---

Savannah July 22^d 1823-

Colonel James Hunter

Sir

The deposit in a safe and Central Situation of a sufficient number of Ball Cartridges is essential to the Safety of this Community; I have therefore to request that as the Aid D^o Camp of the Governor of Georgia, You will permit the removal of 12,000- pounds of the State Ammunition from the fort magazine, to that of the Chatham Artillery -

Should you assent to this request you will be pleased to furnish me with An Order to that effect,

Very respectfully

Your Obedt Svt
J. Marshall

Col. 1^t Regt Ge^o Militia

Savannah 24^h July 1823

Colonel James Marshall

1 Reg^t Ge^o Militia

Sir

In Compliance with the request as expressed in your Communication to me under date of the 22^d Inst. I have Ordered the military Store Keeper for the Eastern Division, to deposit at the Chatham Artillery Magazine the fixed ammunition you require; Previous however to his doing So, I have directed him to furnish for your inspection a few of the Cartridges lest the powder may have been injured from the length of time it has lain in the City magazine

I feel well assured his Excellency the Commander in Chief will not Only Seantion, but highly approve of the Zeal, and foresight manifested by you- As a Soldire its utility will at Once be apparent to him. As a Statesman at the head of the Government of Georgia Active and Zealous in protecting, and defending her best interests, both at home and abroad, it will meet his approbation -

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Svt

J. Hunter

Aid D^o Camp

(On reverse)

Letter
From Col^o James
Hunter dated 26th
July 1823

Answer written
29th October 1823

His Excellency John Clark
Governor State of Ge^o
Milledgeville

Received U. S. Arsenal Augusta Geo - Nov^r 10th 1823
 Captⁿ Eneas Mackay Twenty two Boxes said to contain Four
 hundred and forty U.S. Muskets and Bayonets which I promise
 to deliver in safety unto His Excellency John Clark Gov. of
 the State of Georgia or his assigns, for the sum of Sixty
 nine dollars and fifty three cents, to be paid me by Captⁿ
 Mackay after thier safe delivery as above at Milledgeville-

Signed Triplicates

Henry Keller

Recd U. S. Arsenal Augusta Geo. Nov^r 11th 1823 of Captain
 Eneas Mackay of the U S Army Seventeen Boxes said to contain
 Two hundred and seventy two Pistols, Eighty one Non Com.^d
 Officers Swords and Four hundred and seventy Six Cavalry
 swords which I promise to deliver in safety unto His Excellency
 John Clark Gov. of the State of Georgia or his assigns for the
 sum of Thirty dollars and Fifty six cents to be paid me by
 Captain Mackay after their safe delivery as above at Milledge-
 ville

Signed Triplicates

John Paschal

(Reverse) 1823

Receiv'd U. S. Arsenal Augusta Geo Nov^r. 10th 1823 of Capt.ⁿ
 Eneas Mackay Eight Boxes said to contain one hundred and forty
 nine Muskets and Bayonets and eight Rifles, which I promise
 to deliver in safety unto His Excellency John Clark Gov. of
 the State of Georgia or his assigns for the sum of Twenty five
 dollars and twelve cents to be paid me by Capt.ⁿ Mackay after
 thier safe delivery as above at Milledgeville---

Signd Triplicates--

Elijah Page

(Reverse) 1823

Received U. S. Arsenal Augusta Geo. - Nov^r. 10th 1823, of Capt.ⁿ
 Eneay Mackay Ten Boxes said to contain Two hundred U. S. Muskets
 and Bayonets which I promiste to deliver in safety unto his
 Excellency John Clark Gov^r of the State of Georgia or his assigns
 for the sum of Thirty one dollars and twenty three cents to be
 paid me by Capt.ⁿ Mackay after thier safe delivery as above at
 Milledgeville

Signed Triplicates

Green Knowles

(On Reverse)

1823

Receivd U. S. Arsenal Augusta Geo. Nov^r. 10th 1823. of
 Capt.ⁿ Eneas MacKay Fifteen Boxes said to contain Twenty Muskets
 and Bayonets, one hundred and Sixty Rifles, and Three hundred
 Pistols which I promise to deliver in safety unto His Excellency
 John Clark Gov^r of the State of Geo. or His Assigns for the
 sum of Thirty two dollars and Seventy three cents to be paid me
 by Capt.ⁿ MacKay after their safe delivery as above

Signd Triplicates -

John P. Fluke^r

(Reverse)

1823

U.S. Arsenal Augusta Geo:
December 7 1823

Sirs

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3^d Inst. and to state that the boxes were carefully packed and marked agreeably to the Invoice I forwarded, and that I feel confident the report of the Store Keeper is incorrect.

Should you find this to be the case. as I am about re-
pairing to Charleston S. C^A I will be much obliged by your
forwarding receipts corrected to me at that place, when I will
return those you have already sent.

I have the honour to be

Very respectfully

Your Obt Servant

Aeneas Mackay

Captain Comdg.

His Excellency
G. M. Troup
Gov^r State of Georgia
Milledgeville

(Reverse)

On Service

To His Excellency 12
G. M. Troup
Gov^r State of Georgia
Milledgeville
Geo.

Letter

Capt. Aeneas Mackay
U. S. Army. dated
7th December 1823

Answer written by
Exel. 11th January 1824

Penitentiary

18th Decem^r 1823

Sir

Upon an inspection of the muskets of the Penitentiary Guard I have ascertained that five of them are unfit for service, and five of the cartouch boxes are in the same condition. The convicts have generally understood that their prospects of pardon have greatly diminished, and seem to manifest a disposition of endeavoring to escape. The arms and equipments that are now wanting for the use of the persons in the Penitentiary will be 10 Muskets & bayonets ten cartridge boxes and 200 cartridges with balls.

I am very respectfully

Your Excellency's most ob.^t
& Humble Serv.^t

Daniel Newnan

Prin Keeper Pen

Gov.^r Troup

(Reverse)

Application for Arms &c by the
Keeper of the Penitentiary.

Ordered to be filed
18th December 1823.

In Senate 19th December 1823

The joint Committee to whom was confided the inspection of the Magazine of this State beg leave to report; That they have performed that duty, and find everything quite to their satisfaction, the improvement made by the present officer (Mr. Bozeman) for the preservation of the Powder and Cartridges is such as meet the decided approbation of the joint Committee.

That they have carefully examined the State of the Arms, accoutrements and ordnance deposited in the arsenal at this place and find that the different articles are kept in complete and soldierlike manner.

Read and agreed to.

I certify the above to be a true extract from the Journal of the Senate of the State of Georgia. This 22nd Dec^r. 1823

W. Y. Hansell

Secry.

Savannah Jan^y 10. 1824

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His Excellency G. M. Troup,
Milledgeville

Respected Sir

I have under my Command rising Thirty men deficient as to Arms, who are now in the City and ready for duty, (with that exception) I therefor have to request of your Excellency, an order for Fifty stand of Arms, on the Military store Keeper at this place. The Corps is daily increasing in members, which induce me to ask for more than would meet the present demand - I take the liberty of enclosing a Copy of the Roll of the Company of such as are reported to the Colⁿ. of the Regiment subject to order.

Your prompt compliance with the above request, will much oblige

Very Respectfully

Your Ob^t Hum^{bl} Ser^v.

C. A. Higgins

Comm of Georgia Volunteers

His Excellency C. M. Troup,
Milledgeville.

Letter

Capt. C. A. Higgins of the
"Georgia Volunteers".
dated Savⁿ 10th Jan^y 1824

Ordered to be filed
16th January 1824

His Excellency C. M. Troup
Milledgeville

Executive Department Georgia

Milledgeville 11th January 1824.

Sir,

By direction of his Excellency Gov. Troup, I enclose you herewith his Triplicate receipts for the arms &c received from you some time since, on account of the quota of Arms due the State of Georgia under the Act of April 1808 for arriving and equipping the whole body of the Militia of the United States -

On a re-examination by the Military Store Keeper at this place, he has reported that the error was with himself.

I have the honor to be

respectfully Y^r Ob^t Serv.^t

Elisha Wood

Secretary

Cap.^t

Aneas Mackay

U. S. Army

Charleston So. Carolina

Savannah January 16, 1824

Sir,

Some weeks since I had the honor to enclose to you, as one of the Magistrates who presided at the election of officers, to command the "Georgia Volunteers" a statement of the number of votes, and the persons who were elected - - The commissions have been sent down but there is this error;- They are commissioned as "The Savannah Volunteers" when they should have been commissioned as "The Georgia Volunteers" - - It is probable the error was mine - will you have the goodness to examine the returns, and correct the error by the transmission of other commissions, as there is no such company in existence as the "Savannah Volunteers" and the Gentlemen commissioned were elected to command "The Georgia Volunteers" - -

I also wrote to you for a certifid copy of the Law passed at the last Session of the Legislature in relation to patrols within the City of Savannah, and received a Copy of the former patrol Laws -- I have little doubt but that I may have expressed myself so as to induc a belief that the volume transmitted was the one required -- Will you have the goodness to cause to be sent down as soon as convenient the one referred to, as the situation of the City at present requires that the Col of the Regt. should be vested with more than the ordinary powers which have hitherto been vested in him - - With much Respect, I have the

honor to remain Your Excy
Most obdt.

To His EcY George M. Troup.

James Morrison
Major C.S.

(Reverse)

Ja^s. Morrison
respecting the
Geor^t. Volunteers
15 January 1824-
Volunteer Companies.

To His Excellency George M Troup
Milledgeville
Georgia --

Augusta Feb^y 2^d 1824

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His Excellency George. M. Troup

Sir/

In answer to your letter of the 17th Ultimo. I have the honor to state that there are now at the arsenal near this place five hundred and forty stand of arms - the balance have been Distributed among the Volunteer Companies of Augusta. mostly by permission of the then Governor. Since the receipt of your letter- I have visited the Arsenal for the purpose of examining the arms - I had one box opened and found them in good order- In fact, much better, than I had anticipated.

They want a little cleaning and oiling. But if all are equal to these in the box I caused to be opened- I think we have been fortunate in having them so well preserved. They are deposited in a fire proof building entirely free from exposure and are kept perfectly dry, free of all expense-

The Armorer at the Arsenal thinks that the arms may be put in complete repair for from two to five dollars per box of which there are 27 boxes-

I should be happy to know your Excellencys pleasure in regard to them perhaps it would be better to have them removed from the U S. Arsenal to Milledgeville, unless your Excellency wishes me to have them cleaned and put in good order where they are- of this however you are the better Judge

With perfect respect

I have the honor to be

Your Excellencys Obt Serv^t

Val. Walker

(On reverse)
Letter Maj Genl Val Walker
dated 2^d February 1824
On the subject of Public Arms
Answer written 16th Febry 1824

His Excellency 12
George M. Troup
Mail) Milledgeville
G M Troup
Genl walker
Arms

Fert Moultrie Charleston Harbour
February 5' 1824

Sir

I have the honor to enclose the incorrect receipts
which you lately replaced by others for the quota of Arms
delivered by me for the state of Georgia

I have the honor to be

Sir

Very respectfully

Your Most Obt Servants

Aeneas MacKay

Captain, 2 Reg. Arty.

To

His Excellency

G. M. Troup

Govern. State of Georgia

Milledgeville

Letter

Capt. Aeneas MacKay
dated "Charleston
5th February 1824

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Savannah, February 13, 1824

Dear Sir.

It was mentioned to me by the Representatives from Chatham shortly after their return, that your republican friend in Savannah might safely promise to themselves the enjoyment of your company here during the month of January, or the early part of the present month. Entertaining the sincerest hope that the promise could be fulfilled, I have hitherto forbore to make an application to you by letter, which I thought could be more successfully supported in a personal interview. It being now uncertain when you will visit us, I apply to your Excellency by letter for an order on the military store-keeper here for fifty muskets and bayonets for my fine, old, and patriotick corps. The "Savannah Volunteer guards" still exist, and in the most prosperous state. After a Regimental parade of the 29th January past, I returned (as 1st Lieuten^t) to the Colonel 113 effective men then within the city limits, exclusively of honorary members, who occasionally appear on parade. If it shall appear to your Excellency consistent and proper, I shall be happy to receive the order within a short period. We have at different times received arms from the State; but they have been of the most inferior description. Immediately upon the receipt of your order, I will return fifty muskets & bayonets, in lieu of the fifty to be obtained, giving for the last my bond with security (if necessary) conditioned to return them when called for.

My dear and gallant friend, Cap^t Tattnall, has returned from St Marys; whither he repaired three weeks ago for his health. I regret that it is not probable the State will have the benefit of his services in Congress at any time during this session. His bodily strength may be somewhat greater than when he left Savannah; but his dreadful complaint (rheumatism in the head) continues as firmly seated as ever. His physicians have given a new mandate for the exclusion of his friends. I have not been allowed to see him, and I believe no one

is admitted. Indeed the probability is strong that we shall ere long⁹¹ accompany him to his last home.

I have not heretofore complied with the suggestions both of mind & heart, which have urged me to congratulate your Excellency on your elevation to the Chief Magistracy of Georgia. The first has long given me to understand the necessity of that elevation for the good of the State; the last has beat with proud emotion when I have reflected that the gentleman rewarded for his lone services to Georgia, was the devoted friend of my revered Parent, and has, since his death, extended his good feelings to myself & brothers. Permit me now, my dear Sir, (although late) to give you an honest declaration that to no citizen of Georgia has your election given more heartfelt satisfaction. Trusting that your administration will be for the benefit of the state—that it will be described hereafter as the fountain of most enlightened measures; that in your devotion to the welfare of Georgia and with the gratitude of the citizens you will find relief from your lamented domestick afflictions; I remain, my dear Sir,
Your friend

truly Jos. W. Jackson

(On reverse)

Letter

Joseph W. Jackson Esq.

1st Lieut "Savannah

Volunteer Guards"

dated 13th Feb: 1824

Public Arms

Ordered to be filed

17th February 1824

(Address)

His Excellency
Governor Troup
Milledgeville

Amount paid by the State of Georgia to the officers and men
in a Detachment of Cavalry Commanded by Lieut Col Everard
Hamilton Composed of the following Companys

Capt Vergil H Walker	55 rank & file
Capt William F Scott	53 " "
Capt R N Heckliss	67 " "
	<u>175</u>

Officers Names

Everard Hamilton	Lieut Colonel
Augustus H Kenan	Leut Adjunt
Mark A Ceoper	1st Leut, Paynaster
Joel Branham	Surgeon
James Austin	Asst Surgeon & Quarternaster
Arch ^d Darragh	Commissary
Rhoduns S. Gregg	Asst Commissary

(ON Reverse)

A H Kennan

Virgil H. Walker was Capt. Cavalry 32 Regiment G. M. April 1, 1824 -
(M. C. 1828 - 24 - P. 10 - 11) - L. F. H.
William F. Scott was Capt. Cavalry 33 Regiment G. M. May 3 - 1824 -
(M. C. 1824 - 25 - P. 40) - L. F. H.

Augusta 26th May 1824

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Dear Sir,

An application has been made to me by Cap^t Skinner of this County for the loan of sixty stand of the public arms, (now deposited at the U. S. Arsenal near this City), for the use of his Company -) Cap^t Skinner is a good Officer, and Correct Man, and of sufficient credit to insure a return of the arms, or an equivalent, I therefore feel willing to accede to his request, provided it shall meet your Excellencys views, of propriety and polich- Will you be so obligeing as to inform me, as soon as shall comport with your convenience, what are your views in this regard - Col. Montgomery has never as yet said any thing to me concerning the Arms - since you last wrote me; I suppose from this circumstance, that he has thought proper not to comply with your terms

With perfect respect

Your Excellencies

Obt Serv^t

Val. Walker

(On reverse)

Letter

Gen^l V. Walker

Augusta

26th May 1824-

Answered and Ordered to be

filed 29th May 1824

His Excellency

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George M. Troup

Mail)

Milledgeville

U S Arsenal

Augusta Geo

2^d June 1824

Sir

Your communication to Capt. Boisclair covering an Order to the County Officer of this Part, for fifty Swords and fifty pair of Pistols was handed me last evening by Mr. Summers. In answer I have to state that there are no Swords or Pistols, in this Arsenal, the property of the State of Georgia, consequently none can be delivered. I should have declined acting under any circumstances on that part of your Order requiring me to exact from Capt. Boisclair a bond with security for the delivery to the Executive authority of the State, the articles he received. should the Executive deem such a measure necessary they have the means within power.

I have the honor to be very respectfully Sir your

Obdt. Serv^t.

M. M. Payne

Capt. 4th Artlly.

His Excellency

G M Troup Governor of Georgia Milledgeville

REVERSE

Letter M M Payne Copy 2nd June 1824 Filed June 1824 &
copy sent to Col. A. A. Cumming
His Excellency G. M. Troup Governor of Georgia Milledgeville
Capt Payne U S Arsenal

Belle Vue Near St. Marys

June 4th 1824

His Excellency

Governor Troup

Sir

The return of Major Berrien, of the Parade and Inspection of the Cavalry of the first Division; Confirms my anticipations of the advantages that would result from the present organization of that Species of force, which only requires encouragement to render it Capable of performing the most important Service, on the arrival of either of the Contingencies authorising your Excellency to require the immediate Service of the Militia in the field.

Your familiar acquaintance with the Geographical Situation and population of that Section of the State, which requires the Existence of a well organized Cavalry, will I trust warrant the liberty which I take in recommending the propriety of affording them the same encouragement that has been given to Volunteer Companies of Infantry, as to equipments on State account: Swords, Pistols, and Holsters are as Material to Cavalry, as Muskets, Bayonets, and Cartouch Boxes are to Infantry and the Service of the former in Cases of Sudden emergency are quite as important in Checking disorder as the latter is in restoring Subordination and Security.

I therefore Submit the Subject to your Excellencys Consideration, with the hope that the proposition Suggested will meet

your approbation.

I have the Honor

To be Your Excellency^s

Most Obt. Sert.

Jno. Floyd, M. G. 1st D. G. M.

REVERSE

Letter

Gen^l. John Floyd

4 June 1824

Public Arms &c

Answer written

12 June 1824

To

His Excellency

George M. Troup

Governor of Georgia

Milledgeville

Governor Troup

June 7th 1824

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Dear Sir

I have written to you to know if it is possible for me to draw about 40 or 50 swords for the Troop of Horse belonging to the 32^d R.G.M. the Troop has in the first instance by fortune got a large number of broad swords from Savannah which had been brought there for sale- but a number of the Troop has moved to the new County and Alabama and Carried them away with them and we have but about 30 swords left in the Company and we have a number of recruits that cannot procure swords therefore I thought proper to apply to your Excellency to know if you will not furnish us and if you will I will have them taken care of and kept in good order please answer me by M^r Bryant who will hand you this &c

I am yours with Esteem

Virgil H Walker

Capt^t P.L.D.

(On reverse)

Virgil H Walker

Application for

Public Arms

Answered

8 June 1824

Excellency G. M. Troup Gov^r

Milledgeville

Geo

Pr
M^r Bryant

U S Arsenal
Augusta Ga
10th June 1824

Sir

I am directed by the Ordnance Dept. to ascertain and advise you of the number of arms in this Arsenal belonging to the State of Georgia. it appears on examination that there are twenty seven boxes, each containing twenty muskets, amounting altogether to five hundred and forty. the arms are ready for delivery and it is the request of the department that they be removed as soon as it is convenient to the State, to take possession of them.

I have, the honor to be very very respectfully Sir
your

Obdt. Servt
M. M. Payne
Major U. S. Army

His Excellency
G. M. Troup
Governor of Geo
Milledgeville

REVERSE

His Excellency G M Troup
Governor of Geo.
Milledgeville

Letter
M. M. Payne
10 June 1824
Public Arms
Overtaken and enclosed
in a letter to
Col. A. A. Cumming

Augusta 15th June 1824

His Excellency

George M Troup

Sir

I had the honor of receiving by the last mail your Excellency's letter of the 9th instant enclosing a Copy of one from the Commanding officer of the U. S. Arsenal at this place. I am not less surprised than yourself at Captain Payne's refusal to comply with your request, particularly as I had been inclined to form a very favorable opinion of him.

The examination of the arms, as directed by your letter of the 29th May, I was about to commence when I received your last, from which it seems to be your wish that, under existing circumstances, I should postpone it until farther orders, which I shall accordingly do. I have not yet seen Captain Boisclair but have been informed that he made no objection to complying with the directions given.

I have the honor to be

Your obdt Servt

Henry H. Cumming

(Reverse)

Col. Henry H Cumming
ad

His Excellency

George M. Troup

12 P

Col H. H. Cuming
15 June 1824

Milledgeville

Geo.

Public Army

Answered

4th Regiment G M

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Mill Haven 18th June 1824

His excellency George M Troup

Sir

I am requested to ascertain from you should
a volunteer company be raised and uniformed in this Regiment
whether or not you would give an order for supplying them with
arms. Sensible that a volunteer company would greatly advance
the standing and usefulness of this Regiment I flatter myself
you will grant the order if practicable. An early answer is
requested. About fifty persons have already volunteered and
their first meeting is to take place on the 3d July to deter-
mine on their uniform &c a favourable answer from you by that
time would tend to accelerate their proceedings. Inclosed you
will receive certificates of Col David T Smith for services of
Col Thomas and Capt Newton on Court Martial.
I will thank you to enclose the amount.

Most respectfully

Your Obt. St.

Aug^s Seaborn Jones.
Col.

REVERSE

Letter

Aug. Seaborne Jones
dated 18 June 1824
Public Arms

Answer written
24 June 1824.

Waynesboro G)
June 22nd)

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His excellency

George M Troup

Milledgeville