

Executive Department, Ala.
Tuscaloosa, July 21st 1837.

Colo. John Curry:

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loss to conjecture the cause of ^{your} not soon receiving
an answer to yours of the 31st of December last; but
your astonishment will cease, when I assure you
(as I do) that your letter never reached me till yesterday,
through the Post office of this place. What can have
been the cause of this delay, I am wholly unable to
explain - as I rec^d. several other letters from the same place in
the usual time. I am gratified, however, to inform you, that
I received the same intelligence, through another channel,
as early as the 14th of last month, on which day, I
wrote to the commanding officer at Fort Mitchell, and
took other measures to place a company of mounted
volunteers immediately in service, for the protection of
the persons, & property of the inhabitants. Further intelli-
gence having afterward reached me, I called for
other troops, amounting to a Battalion. And by a
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He had mustered into service, from Alabama, four
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side our company from Georgia, and expected that
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each State. My plan has been, from the commencement
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encampment & guard them till they are removed —
and to have them removed, as soon as possible.
The information contained in Capt. Page's letter,
and derived from other sources, encourages me
to believe, this plan will soon be carried into exe-
cution.

You did right in making the requisition,
you mention, for a company of Cavalry. In such
emergencies it is wrong to wait for orders from the
Executive, more than two hundred miles distant; it
you may rely on my ~~or my~~ decided approbation.

Hoping to hear from you again, on receipt
of this —

I am, very respectfully,
Your obt. servt.

P. W. Clay.

Copy to

Colo. John C. Moore

July 21st 1852

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Endorsement:
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Feby. 21st 1837.

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