Friendship Mt. August 8th 1861

Messrs Brooks & Garrett

Gent. Having been informed you wish to arm a company with Rifels I drop you this line to inform you I have erected Machinery & am now ready with materials on hand to make 4 to 5 Hundred Rifels I have had several applications from men pretending to be agents for the Government but as I did not know the fact I did not engague to make for them I can turn out 36 a week at Pleasant & hope to be able to doe more when I get under good way If you want me to make for you all you have to doe is to send your order giving full description of the Rifel you want the length of the barrel the size in the bore the weight of the barrel the kind of stock you want put on whether plain or —

or fine Double Trigered or
Lingel wood or Iron ramrod
Percussion lock of Course Discribe
as precise as Possible I would
rather not make them larger than
50/100 in the bore I have the best
of workmen & can get a unlimited
contract from the Government I
am informed but Hearing
you were forming a Regiment
and were going to arm them I wish
to assist you if I can do so
by making the arms I am unable
to say what I can make them
Rifles at as it depend entirely
on the amount of work put
on them but will furnish
for you if you want me to
as low as I can I have been
at considerable trouble & expense
Getting up materials hands &c
but under existing circumstances

I am willing to do a good
deal for a letter I please write
by return mail I will watt
long enough to recieve a answer
from you before making any
engagement

Respectfully
Grafton Gardner

G. Gardner
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