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Col J. W. Garrott

My Dear Sir = Your esteemed favor of the 14th came to hand yesterday by way of horse mail route instead of via Montgomery, I want to join your regiment, some of my men object to shot guns & rifles, perhaps a majority of them, but all want to go with you, who have any recollection of you whilest a citizen of Butler in preference to any other regiment & you will receive us, and arm the companies after we arrive at Richmond, consider the companies as tendered; I want to know definitly about this matter. I have two other chances, but prefer your regiment Col Farrys is now promised arms, He received intelligence to that effect on Sunday from the War Department Why cannot you get them in whole or in part? They wrote me from

Montgomery this evening that Watts had accepted the Colonelcy of a regiment now to be raised and that six companies were now tendered, but I prefer to go with you — —
Write me or telegraph me immediately. I will have a most excellent company of over 100 men. Three other parties in this county are trying to raise companies, and for selfish purposes raised a stir about shot guns and old rifles on the whole thing would have been satisfactory = I had to promise a few of the old men whose sons are going with me, that I would not arm the company with anything but the regular Army guns
I would have had no difficulty in getting the guns
Telegraph me, so that I can satisfy my men we go into camp here on Saturday
Say how soon you think we could go — two companies here sure

Yours Friend
J. J. Burnett

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