Cahaba, Aug. 22d, 1861.

Col. I. W. Garrott,

Dear Sir,

Genl Walker Sec. of War has authorized Col. Wath to raise a regiment, to be armed by the Confederate Government. Supposing they had obtained a supply of arms, I telegraphed Capt coming to Genl Walker to know if he would furnish us with arms.

I also wrote to our Governor some days since on the same subject, ~~some day~~ in as mild a manner as I could. But have had no answer.

Capt. T. J. Burnett sent another dispatch yesterday asking us to take his two companies, "without arms". I told him what we were doing and promised him a definite answer so soon as we could hear from Gen. Walker & the Governor.

I let Capt. Watkins have the Rifles, which the Governor said I could have, provided he would "with us".

Have you anything more about our

Req.d If so please inform me.

I fear if we do not take steps to prevent it, many of the companies we rely on will go off with other regiments; yet I do not know what to do, except making efforts to obtain arms & to move as soon as possible.

Your friend,

Edm.d W. Pettus.

C. W. Pettus
Aug - 22 - 1861