Livingston Ala [illegible]

Hon E. W. Pettus
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I understand you & others are endeavoring to raise a Regiment for the war. I am now raising a company with the view of offering it to the Confederate States for the war. I do not know how far you have progressed in your movement, or what your arrangements will be. Of course the company I am raising will have to be attached to some regiment, & I would like to have some certainty, if I can as to the regiment the company would be placed in before its services are tendered. If you are disposed you can communicate with me stating your wishes &c &c.

I have recently started in my effort to organize the company, & can now rely on over fifty in number. Our county has been heavily drawn on for men; notwithstanding this I can raise the company, I think, without doubt.

[illegible] great difficulty will be [illegible] material for uniforms &c. I understand we cannot be supplied in Mobile. If you

know any way to meet this difficulty please
[illegible]. How long before we can
[illegible] peace?

In haste

Yours truly
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