Columbus, Ga.
4 Dec, 1860

His Excellency
Joseph E. Brown
Governor
Milledgeville

In my

report of the Managers your order receiv'd that the undersigned have been chosen as the Committee of Officers of the “Resistance Light Artillery” of Columbus.

The object of this letter is to apply to your Excellency for a full battery of 6 pieces and all necessary equipment for Horse or Light Artillery. Of course the best guns which can be had are desirable, though as to quality and number, also, we leave to your Excellency judgment—believing that you will do us equal justice with other sections of the State.
We beg to enclose to your Excellency
a list of the names of those who
have enrolled themselves as active
members of the Corps
We are Your obed. servt.

John K.

Wiley E. Hackett

D. H. E. C.

E. D. B.

W. A. W.
Letter
M. L. Sandiford
Columbus Ga
1860
The State of Tennessee
1860
To the Auditor of the State

To Mr. H. Jackson
1st item: 5 days at $6 per day $30.00
Mileage 374 miles, $129.60 $159.60

To Mr. H. Corley
1st item: 5 days @ $6 per day $30.00
Mileage 310 miles, $124.00 $154.00

To Peter cone
1st item: 5 days @ $6 per day $30.00
Mileage 320 miles, $120.00 $150.00

To Mr. W. Hambleton
1st item: 5 days @ $6 per day $30.00
Mileage 286 miles, $114.00 $144.00

To O. C. Gibson
1st item: 5 days @ $6 per day $30.00
Mileage 186 miles, $74.40 $104.40

To H. Buchanan
1st item: 5 days @ $6 per day $30.00
Mileage 360 miles, $144.00 $174.00

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To: The Governor of Rhode Island,

Sir: Exceeding, serious blame, will please receive this, warrant upon the treasurer, in favor of J. N. Steele, Secretary, Rhode Island College, for the sum of two thousand dollars, and fifteen dollars and eighty cents, as duly authorized by, except for the issue.

Wolverton, Dec 5, 1860.

Joseph Burcham, President, Rhode Island College.
No. 179
County Fund 1860
Election College
Fort Ridgely, Minnesota
December 10th, 1860

Sir,

I have the honor to state that in the event of the withdrawal or secession of the State of Georgia from the Union, that my services are at your disposal; I would prefer that this communication be kept strictly private, until Georgia (if she does) declare herself out of the Union, and you have been officially notified that my resignation has been accepted by the President of the U.S.

I will notify you as soon as my resignation has been accepted.

I have not tendered my resignation yet but will do so as soon as I receive reliable information that Georgia has seceded.

I am, Sir,

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient Servant,

A. B. Montgomery
Liaut, 4th Aug.
U.S.A.

P.S.

If you desire references, I respectfully refer you to Col. James Gardner of Augusta, Ga., also to Hon. R. Sturges Esq., a member of the legislature of your State.
For Rodgell Mus..  
Dec 11th 1860

A. B. Montgomery

Tender his service to the Governor in case George, deceased, deceased.  [Intended: Private]
Request that your action be taken into tender until the State is officially his resignation.

Received December 23rd 1861
Dec. Spring Dec. 12th

Gov. J. E. Brown

Dear Sir,

You will please excuse the liberty I take in addressing these lines, but my interest in the matter at stake will be a sufficient excuse. I would be glad to know if the newly elected Board of Trustees for the Institution are empowered to annul the acts of the former Board to say as relates to the election of officers for the ensuing year. The present officers were elected for one year from some fact. If convenient please let me hear from you.

Very truly yours,

J. J. Latham
Rome Feb. 20th 1860.

To His Excellency
Joseph E. Brown

Dear Sir: Enclosed find 4$70 c. You will please have it attended to, and utilize Money &c.

P.S. You will excuse me for the digression, but upon recent letter upon the crisis is the best document ever published upon that subject, I publish it with great pleasure, because I anticipate good result from it.
It is to be regretted that you could not from pressure of other duties be more elaborate. We want more argument addressed to the common sense of the people, & less of the high falutin' babble dash. I could say more but -

Resist

Your Love

Mrs.

Telamon Cuyler Collection
University of Georgia
Etoah, Dec. 14th, 1860

His Excellency Joseph E. Brown

Dear Sir,

Enclosed I have herewith a copy of our Bylaws, etc., as adopted by our Corps, - the certificate of election we have already sent. According to the Bylaws and Regulations, this entitles us to our commissions as a "Cavalry Company," which we are. You will therefore oblige us by sending commissions at your earliest convenience. Our number is 35, and will be soon 50, comprising some of the best men in the County. Can you not under an Act passed this session, equip us at once? It will be an especial favor. Could you not authorize us to order the arms from the Manufactory?

We desire your Excellency to grant us leave to tender our services to the God of South Carolina, with the privilege of returning to Georgia as soon as she needs us. We this also as an especial favor.

In behalf of the Etoah Rangers,

Very Respectfully your obedient servant,

John F. Carson
Dear Sir,

I have been informed by Dr. Smith that you are in the market for a new instrument, and I am writing to you in hopes of securing an order for the same.

The instrument in question is a highly sophisticated piece of equipment, designed to meet the most demanding of specifications. It is capable of performing a wide range of tasks, from basic measurements to complex data analysis.

I am enclosing a detailed specification sheet with this letter, which I hope will provide you with all the information you need to make an informed decision. If you require further details, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I would be very grateful if you could give this matter your serious consideration. I am confident that the instrument will meet your needs and exceed your expectations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

[Date]
Savannah Ga Dec 17, 1860

To his Excellency,
Joseph E. Brown,

Dear Sir,

I see it reported in the papers that the Legislature has passed the bill over your veto, appointing a new Board of Commissioners for the Leaf & Tomb Institution at this place. The object of this letter is to get your opinion upon the legality as well as expediency of our officers holding their positions till the first of July next. We elected Mr. Cooke at our last annual meeting, about the last of June, or first of July, for the ensuing Scholastic year. So soon as he could be present, and nominate his Subordinates which the law requires, we also elected them, and now the question is, can they, under the present Act, hold their places till the time offices for which we elected them.

As the time is short, and it is several miles to the house of Dray Thomas, our Bus, I have thought best to address you this letter without waiting to see him. Very respectfully yours at least, A. J. King.
A. J. King
Cave Spring
1869
Dear Mrs.

[Signature]

Tekamon Cayler Collection
University of Georgia
Carver, Va Dec 17 1860

Dear J E Brown,

The students of the J M T Collage, having had the pleasure of reading your views on the secession question which coincides so near with ours, take the liberty of sending you an extract from the "Chicago Democrat."

Although, school girls in free feel highly incensed with the insults offered to the Southerns, and hope a few more such will cause the dormant spirits of those who boast and call themselves "Union men."

The thought of there being Southern men who will take such insults as these, they deserve to be hanged as high, yes higher than traitors.

Yours very respectfully,

Mollie Battle

Susie Hardfield

Julia Battle

Haden Mc Knight
1860
School Sirs
of Corning

Send Compli
ments to Gov

Brown.
Covington Co Dec 17th 1860

Gov J E Brown

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We, scholars of the G.M.T. College, having had the pleasure of reading your views on the secession question which coincide so near with ours take the liberty of sending you an extract from the "Chicago Democrat,"

Although, school girls we too feel highly incensed with the insults offered to the Southerners, and hope a few more such, will rouse the dormant spirits of those who boast and call themselves "Union men."

We think if there are any Southern men who will take such insults as these, they deserve to be hanged as high, yes higher than "Haman."

Yours very respectfully,

Mollie Butts
Lizzie Hartsfield
Julia Kittles
Haden McKnight

(one signature clipped)

Harper's Ferry, 12th Dec. 1860

To His Honor
Rev. W. E. Brown

Dr. Sir,

I have been informed that the Authorities of Georgia intend to put the State Armory in a condition to manufacture arms. I seek the information from a Gentleman, I have not seen anything in our papers fully establishing the fact; so I have concluded to ask you for a little information on the subject.

I am in company with several young men who are employed in the U.S. Navy at this place, are anxious if seeking employment at some of the State Armories in the South or Georgia is that State, if she is going to make her own arms.

By giving the desired information, you will confer a great favor.

Respectfully,

[Signature]
Louisville, Kentucky Dec. 18, 1860

To his excellency, Hon. Ben. Brown,

I am requested by the Horse Company of Haynieville known as the Haynieville Dragoons to write to you for Comission of the Officers of said Company also for Arms. Our company has thirty-two members and is in a growing condition. I am certain we will take a large and interesting Company if you have any Bonds for us to fill and turn to me and I will see that all is done right. While all of the PARTICULAR as soon as you can if you can write immediately please do so. Yours respectfully,

Capt. M. A. York
Haynieville Ga.

Write to Haynieville Ga.
Co. I A. Coote
Wayneville Ga

Sent Circular
20 Dec. 80

Wayneville Georgia want arms
mission for
Their officers
Arms
Dear Sir,

The locomotive sold to the Thomson & Barnesville R.R. Co., as you are aware, has been levied upon to satisfy the mortgage bond of Thos. J. Britton, at the 1st Monday in January next, as the day of sale. Mr. Britton moreover, to Paper wrote him that the locomotive he paid one that day at the proceeds of the sale held by the sheriff until the whole matter can be disposed under a bill in equity. That vacate your letter, however, will be seen where I remit that the sum of now in daily use, until its construction, until it is either sold or taken off the road; and if taken off the road, there is no shelter under which to place it.

I should like to have authority to give the case this motion
I today write to you that upon
the same subject. Only let me
hear from you by return
mail.

Very truly,

P. H. [Signature]

His Excellency

[Signature]

Milledgeville, Ga.

Telamon Cuyler Collection
University of Georgia
I trust you will pardon the liberty I now take in bringing my personal views and my individual objects before your Excellency. It seems of duty, I hope you will believe it to be sincerely honest, alone induces me to take this liberty.

The duties of the Commissioners who shall go to Europe on the part of the State, are vastly important. The negotiations involved in the contemplative Peace which once was of course demand his first attention. The report of the Committee on Finance which I enclose gives a clearly drawn outline of the policy recommended by your message, and indicates clearly to our European friends, that these interests and organisation have been faithfully considered in America.

But one of the first questions which will arise at London, Paris, and Brussels, will be this: "What of the political condition of the United States?"

The English, French and Russian Governments will of necessity, desire to know (in the event of the decision of Congress on this Southern State) by whom their interests shall be settled. This would raise at once the question of the recognition of a seceding State as a government de facto by their foreign powers.

Again, by the political revolution now bringing in the United States, exchange representing our Two Hundred Million Dollars, are stopped. This Cotton supply is absolutely essential to the governments above named. If the crop is not moved forward, France and England will in nine months be plunged into revolution. On the other hand, if their countries are required to furnish the space to move this enormous amount of values
The loss of Sicily, will be as fatal to those governments as the absence of the Cotton itself. There is but one alternative. England, France, Belgium and Germany, must concert measures to make forward the Cape on a solid and legitimate basis of credit and exchange. This basis of credit and exchange, will of course be accompanied by a direct exchange of manufactured goods. And, independently of the organization already existing in Europe, the immediate necessities of the governments alone would draw them into a financial, commercial and political alliance, through the medium of direct trade, the surface of the ocean being the first step.

Consequently, the European parties might as well assume that in giving this assistance and alliance to us, that we on this side are organizing the necessary freight arrangements to support the Stelms, and to place the foreign goods at the different points of distribution in the South, viz: Columbia, Augusta, Montgomery, Memphis, Nashville, Louisville, St. Louis, Richmond, Charleston, Mobile, New Orleans, and other points. They should also be assured that we are organizing the Cotton interest, so that the moment the financial and exchange arrangements are made, the Cape Can be put in Motion direct for Europe.

I believe Sir, that the European parties would have additional confidence if they were certain that I was here in the Cotton States attending to the most important part of the Georgia Mission. They know that home
familiar with their wants, and that there also are an accurate and method in the routine and formulas of European finance. I therefore ask to be placed in this service. By the time the scheme are arranged for from Antwerp to Savannah we can have all our through freight arranged. Made at the point, these instead those assumes from high qualities, that we can place a line of freight boats between New-Orleans and Villers, to connect by road with the Savannah and European Steamers.

In making this application, I trust your Excellency will believe that I do so from the conviction, that it is an essential part of the enterprise. If the Commissioners who go to Europe is a man of ability, and committed this great mission, every thing will go well, and we shall not only be able to place the steam service at one on paying ground, but he enabled also to move the Cotton crops.

While engaged in this work at home in connection with this mission, I shall be able to assist measures for opening in Europe a market for the Cotton farms of Georgia, a matter of deep importance to the State, not only in an industrial point of view but also politically.

With my apology for this intrusion upon you,

To,

Your Excelency, with the greatest respect,

Joseph E. Brown

E. G. Baylor

Executive Department.
Baltimore, Md., Dec. 20th, 1860.

To

His Excellency,

The Governor of Georgia,

Sirs:

Permit me the liberty and honor of offering to your State for purchase a most important invention, of a military instrument, the utility and value of which you can infer from its character. It is a machine small and worked by hand, to manufacture lead balls of any usual size, spherical and minutely conformed, and in the most rapid manner. I was a Southerner, and too poor even to obtain a patent for my invention, but would rather dispose of it to the South at present. Therefore, I pray you sir, that this shall be in confidence. Any person you may see proper to appoint to investigate it, I will be most happy to show the drawings, perfectly explanatory of the invention. I ask but three thousand dollars for the right to your State. In a few weeks good workmen could make several machines, each capable of manufacturing 3000 lbs. of perfectly conformed balls per hour. I could sell to a Northern manufacturer but will not. Awaiting your Excellency’s reply, I have the honor to be,

Yours very humble,
and obedient servant,

Charles Schuyler Broom
Baltimore, Md.
Dec. 20th, 1860

"Confidential"

Charl. S. Pinckney

Relating to an invention for making balls by compression &c.

James 12th 1861
Elec. Department
Montgomery, Dec. 27th, 1860.

His Excellency,
Gov. Joseph E. Brown,
Milledgeville
Ga.

Sir:

This will be handed to you by Hon. John Gill Shorter, a distinguished citizen of Alabama, who has been appointed a Commissioner to the State of Georgia for the purpose of consulting and advising with Your Excellency and the members of Your Convention as to what is best to be done to protect the rights, interests and honor of the slaveholding States in the emergency which has been faced upon them by the election of Abraham Lincoln to the Presidency of the United States.

Judge Shorter is commended to Your favorable consideration and that of Your Convention. He bears a Commission which will disclose more fully the object of his mission.

With high consideration, I am, your Ob. Serv.

T. B. Moore
For Moses of
Ala - 1861

Introducing Mr.
Gill Bowin.

Commissioner of Ala
to see - to consult as
to best mode of meeting
the emergencies of the
times.
Augusta, Dec. 22, 1860

Dear Sir,

I have been informed by Col. A. M. Rodgers, the present Attorney General of Georgia, that he will resign his office on account of his resignation to take effect about the 15th of February next, and it is for the purpose of asking the appointment myself, that I have the liberty of addressing you.

My own wishes do not lead me into the arena of politics, but it solely is to reach excellence and distinction at the Bar, and where I remember that this office has been the school of so many of our best men, I must...
confuses that I covert it with my whole heart for it is scarcely necessary to remind a man who has reached your distinguished position that in our Profession at least, however much a man may desire success, he will scarcely obtain it without opportunity.

This in connection with the fact that I am in one who fulfills these wants, 3 such and many others are the reasons which lead me to seek this appointment and should you find it compatible with your own feelings, and a faithful discharge of public duty to give me the appointment, I shall ever remember with gratitude.
hand extended to me by Gov Brown.

As to my qualifications, etc., etc., permit me to refer you to Judge Campbell, Hon J W Miller, Hon K Jackson, or any other member of this Bar.

Very respectfully your Obid Serv.

Therode C Lilly

To His Excellency

Pax E Brown

Gov J Eas
Therese C. Circe, Applied for Appt of Atty Genl. 1861.
Athens, Dec. 25.

Mr. & Mrs. G. W. Brown

Dear Sir:

I think it very important that we should take immediate action in reference to the printing of the Code. I enclose to you a rough pencil sketch of my idea. If you approve, act at once, for I doubt not our Associate will approve.

The political signs are cheering for peace.

Since I have been so bitterly assailed in my own County that
I have not been able to go to Cherokee.

Your letter has done me much good.

Be a hurry.

Your Friend

W.E.R. Cobb
Chattanooga Dec 26, 7860

Honor. Dr. C. Brown:

Dear Sir,

From yesterday to
Mr. McCamy was handed out to-day by his
wife for dinner.
Mr. McCamy is now in the West putting up
our, and I heard him say he expected to
furnish you. Mr. Wathorne was also here
a few days ago, and told McCamy he was
there where you live, but could not hear
from you as they waited.
Mr. McCamy will have a lot of his most
here in two weeks. Tell us and look for
smoke, and if you wish some of it
without smoke, write to him or me. It
will be sent forthwith.
I will also write him to-day, so that
he may hasten his shipments.

Very Respectfully,

B. Chandler

Copy sent to Willeveria.
Augusta Ga Dec 27th 1860

His Excellency
Jno. Joseph E. Brown

Dear Sir:

The telegraph gives us stirring news from Charleston, and as in all probability our own state will be involved by the occurrences there happening as a citizen of Georgia not subject to military duty by reason of the loss of the right eye I feel nevertheless unwilling to be left out in roll call during such an eventful period of our history. As a representative of one of the ratifiers for Georgia of the Constitution of the U.S. I am anxious to serve my state in any position in which I can do her effective service in defending her from the aggressions of a prostituted Government that physical defect notwithstanding. Your course as Governor has been so indecently beneficial to the best interests of the State that I am constrained to believe that you will
Correctly appreciate the sentiments which actuate the writer and find room for one who is not willing to be left out entirely from the uses which flow from the activity of Georgia's sons. Hence if from your elevated standpoint it may seem to you that I can be of use to the state I am at your service.

My son Cadet Henry

P. Osborne is just getting well and will be at his post at the Institute in Feb.

Engaged in mercantile pursuits myself I cannot see that the Bank Law has accomplished any good whatever. I am and have been always of your opinion in relation to them. Their powers are too oligarchal to be compatible with the good of the people. I am told by a business man (who ought to know from his position) that the Bank made Seven Hundred dollars from exchange in one day. No wonder they prosper.

Very Respectfully yours

Henry J. Osborne
Another matter I would inform Your Excellency of is that our town has been filled this winter by Northern Pedlars who have seriously damaged the local Merchants by forcing upon our community through our Auditor the sale of any quantity of goods, to the utter distruction of those whose interests are identified with the state, thus entailing the loss consequent on their own abolition act, at home which created this state of trade upon us and rendering many less able to do service for the state by reason of Yankee Speculator taking their business away. The Pedlers devised the law which was before the Legislature "To Regulate the Sales by Auditor in this State." It was to stop those itinerants who only come here Annually to take out of Georgia all they can to the distruction of all local interests. But the H. R. reduced the tax from 10 per cent (as was proposed) to 2½ per cent. Yankedon rejoiced I that Osborne who sacrificed his own interests for the good of his brother Merchant, failed. Very Respectfully S. J. O.
M. J. Osborn
Augusta
1861
Ga.

Want some position.
To His Excellency, 

Joseph E. Brown,

Yours of the 31st of last month came duly to hand, and in reply, we will say that we have now uniformed, and in proof of uniforming, fifty five men rank and file, who will be uniformed in a very short time. We will all be in complete uniform before the arms reach us, if sent immediately. Our Company was incorporated by the last Legislature as a Rifle Company, we therefore want the latest improved rifles. As you sent us our Commission, and did not send blank Requisition and Bond, you will please send them immediately. They shall be signed and filled out and returned by next mail.

Respectfully,

W. H. Horn

[Handwritten text not legible]
Horndon P.O. Berks Co. Pa.
28th December 1860

Dear Sir,

After all the public and personal solicitude of the Legislature in passing the "Educational and Agricultural" Bill, it seems to have miscarried—this is to be lamented. No measure of the session was regarded with more interest or public favor than this.

The absolute necessity of the department of State at this stage of our industrial relations demands that our agricultural interests be protected under the appointment as contemplated by the Legislature. Without it Georgia must suffer during the next year to the amount of millions in frauds perpetrated upon her agricultural interests in the name of Commercial Provisions. The abuse and pretext to which it is carried is beyond computation.

Is there no remedy in your hands to meet the failure of this great State measure? Can you not take the responsibility to apply the
...after all that has been done in the premises in
the Legislature & expression of public gratification.
Can any such a man as you be found to discharge
his duty better to his native state & service that
no other living man will or can. Let me here state
that Mr. Jones is no relation of mine; I am not
acted by any other, than a common interest with
the patriotic citizens of my state.

I cannot forget this opportunity of congratulating
you from the utmost capacity of my heart
upon the great & noble Commercial enterprise you
have promulged in engraving upon the future
policy of Georgia & the Southern States. Your suc-
scess in securing the action of our Legislature & the
honors of this great public measure to our State will
continue to better your deeper & deeper in the affections
of a grateful & confiding people.

In the future successful accomplishment
of this great public measure, many embarrassments
must consequently surround you in the quest of individ-
ual claims. Eternizing at your door for its honors &
encroachments.

As an humble individual having contrib-
uted personally all that I had of time & talent &
Cast into the scale when the weight to be overcome
seemed irresistible, a few months ago, prepared the...
few brave stout hearts of this project to the earth,
permit me to suggest to your favorable Consideration,
(although my dear Sir, consider me presumptions
in this matter --) as most fit to be eligible for the
Commission to Europe -- President Bolle of the
Planters Convention. Still, "To him, to him alone
have we been indebted for our present success in
Europe. He has laid the Corner stone there of this
great enterprize. Without him, can the work go
Complete & successful? Will it not be policy to re-
turn as the representative of the great Cotton
interest of Georgia & the South? He is prudent
far-seeing, able & efficient. There will be those
doubt -- who will press their claims, who have
done every thing to defeat the enterprize, aim at late
success of the Planters Convention -- but these men
are insinucent & inefficient -- it must embarras
defeat the great objects Contemplated by the true
men of the state & friends of this great work.

Would you under any Circumstances
leave your Post to accompany Me in your
self upon this mission to Europe -- the great
measures Contemplated could not but be better
more successfully accomplished than any
Commission you could send out. It would be re-
cieved with greater public favor. All of which is
most respectfully - earnestly & Confidentially Suggested.

Very Truly, Your ol. Friend & Servant, James W. Jones.
Milledgeville, Ga., Dec. 28th — 1860.

Dear Governor:

We have attended to all the special matters you left in charge, as directed. I read a letter the day after you left from Mr. Waterhouse, about the meet; and on consulting with Gen. Green, he concluded to send it to you, which he did. The next day Dr. Green called here on the same subject; and as the prospect of getting pork from Mr. Waterhouse, I thought, was rather bad, this latter, and as he was out of meet & there being some hogs in the market here (a few) I told him he had better purchase enough to do him till bacon or pickled pork time, which he did. Now comes another letter and also one from Mr. McRae*, on the subject of meet — both of which I herewith send to you — By these letters I gather that the Pork cannot be expected; therefore it is well both Institutions are supplied for the present with pork.

I also send a letter from Mr. Lawton, which will explain itself. I have acknowledged

* From Mr. A. Chandler, for him.
the receipt of it, I told him it is forwarded to you.

On yesterday a telegram came from the Capt. of the Washington Artillery of Augusta, asking leave to take the men & guns of the corps to Charleston in aid of S.C. but as no call came from any of the Authorities of S.C., requiring such aid, I replied (after consulting with Gen. Wayne) "That the Commander-in-Chief was absent from the Capitol, and that he must not take the men or guns of the Washington Artillery out of this State, without orders." In two hours afterwards, I read another dispatch from Mr. Gibson of Augusta, asking - "Where is Gov. Brown?" To this I gave the proper reply - I have not heard from them since.

I send you slips cut from the Sav. Republican of the 27th inst. - The latest news we have - I see Spanish is out [square] for Secession. The children are all doing well.

Yours Truly etc
M. W. Waters

P.S. I have not got a word from J. Butter King yet.
Gen. Lawton

Savannah

Dec 28th 1860

About action of

Comdy Officers at

Ft. Moultrie

S.C.
Shark's Rifle Mfg Co
Hartford Dec 29 1860.

His Excellency

Jno E Brown

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your sketch of the 14th and to say that the two shorter rifles are being made with all of our new improvements and to finish them well require some 5 to 6 weeks delay. If you would dispense with the former shut off and accept of our present style of lock, we have a plenty of excellent rifles on hand to forward immediately.

As to the 500 additional rifles with sabres we can probably furnish them in 60 days unless other parties intervene as is quite likely to be the case. Under ordinary circumstances we should cheerfully accept of 15 percent interest in part, but the times are now so critical that we do not like to stipulate for them.

Yours very Ob'dt Serv't
J E Palmer Pres
J.C. Palmer
ans to Jan 61
Hartford Ct
About Arms.