

C. S. Arsenal

Selma Ala August 8. 1864.

Sir

I have the honor to report that some of the militia Officers have seen proper to take contractors with this Arsenal from their work without any reference to me as to whether, their removal from their work would be detrimental to the public interests.

A case in point is that of Mr Henry E. Callaway who has a contract to transport lumber from Weaver's Mill to this Arsenal.

He is here to-day with a boat load and Colonel Willhouse has taken him and decided that he must go at once to camp.

It is of the first importance that we should be supplied with lumber, and this cannot be done without the services of Mr Callaway.

Such action upon the part of Officers Commanding the Militia, in preventing our receiving the necessary supplies of material, will, of course, embarrass the work of the Arsenal, and necessarily delay the Arming and equipping of the troops now being assembled for the field; besides much other work of the most pressing needs.

No Contractors or their employees are kept in the service of this Arsenal unless their services are indispensable, and I have the honor to request that you will give the necessary instructions, to the Officers having authority in the matter, to prevent their interfering with such contractors and their employees.

It may be proper to state that Mr Gallaway has been in the employ of the Arsenal for a year past; was enrolled in June last, and application, made for his detail, - which application has been approved by the Chief of the Ordnance

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Int.

J. White Lt Col  
Comd'g.

His Excellency Thos H. Watts  
Governor - State of Alabama

Montgomery  
Ala.

Col. J White  
8 Aug 64

Genl Reggs

Dear Sir

Group direction

to Col Melhouse

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Yours

JR

Aug 10/64. order to Col  
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Col White at Selma  
to effect  
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