

Petition from Vernon County Citizens

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Little Osage, Vernon County Mo.

Nov. 21st 1860

To his Excellency the Governor of the State of Missouri

We the undersigned citizens of Henry township, Vernon county Mo. respectfully inform your Excellency that we are imminently in danger of another invasion, from armed bands of bandittis from Kansas territory. Our township which is but thinly settled, suffered continually for the last three years, from these marauding parties; (ten or eleven thousand dollars worth of property having been carried off in one night by John Brown, two years ago.)

Now at a mass-meeting of the undersigned citizens, held to day, Peter Duncan was elected chairman, and John A. Sartorius secretary, and the latter was instructed, to petition your Excellency, to station, company A. mounted riflemen, whereof Wm. Fail had been captain, on the line, for the protection of the frontier of our State, our lives, homes and property; and as Capt. Fail has removed from the State; we recommend Dr. James Cullen as a suitable person to be commissioned Captain of said company in place of Capt. Fail.

The arms of said company which have been in charge of Mr. Wm. Bartlett, were issued to the undersigned citizens. We need however ammunition and bayonet-scabbards for the men, and pistols for the officers. We further petition your Excellency, to have said company, mustered into service, by the Adjutant General of the militia as soon

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soon as possible.

All this we respectfully submit to your Excellency's consideration, and are with high esteem

your most obedient servants

Peter Duncan[,] Chairman

John A. Sartorius[,] Secretary

For.

Wm. Bartlett

Ezekiel Ray

Wm. Pryor

R.N. Marchbanks

Js. Pieratt

Alex. Cox

Shelton Ray

John Lemaster

John Grant

Sol. Adams

R. Ray

D. Cullen

Rob. Sanders

S. Menges

Wm. Smith
[Gilbert?] Cox
Js. Dodge
J.T. Jones
Ed. Morgan
J.E. Williams
John Williams
L. Williams
Chs. Bartlett
Levy Welch
Wm. Welch
Ab. Jobe
Js. Roberts
William G. Smith
John Webber
Abr. Job Sr.
Jacob Miller
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