

From William H. Doah to Robert M. Stewart

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Head Quarters Mo[.] Mi.
Butler Bates Co[.] Mo[.]
Apl 21st 1859

His Excel[.] R.M. Stewart
Commd. In Chf Mo[.] Mi.
Sir[,]

I have the honor to report that since I recd. the Apt[.] as Capt[.] of Comp[.] "B" Mo[.] Mi. on the 13th Inst[.] from you per hands of Adj[.] Gen[.] G[.]A. Parsons, I have spent three or four days on the line between that State & Kansas T. I find along said line nothing of an exciting nature or any thing that I think would justify me under my instructions to march with my Comp[.] on the line.

There is some fears however entertained by a number of men who are farming in thinly settled neighborhoods that a decent [descent] will be made on them by the Kansas Banditti -- before any intention of such a movement could reach them as it appears those thieving bands are frequently organized some twenty or twenty-five miles back from the line and our citizens would not be apprised of there approach until aroused from there beds by an armed force at there doors.

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Fearing such an attack might be made I will move on the line with my company in seven or eight days or as soon as I get the nessary [necessary] arms and accoutrements for my men -- if I find the fears of our citizens along the line continue -- and there remain a week or ten days -- or longer if there should any thing arise that is threatning. On this matter however I would request some instructions at an early a day as possible[.]

I would respectfully suggest to your honor that some Fifty Stand of Muskets be turned over to the Citizens of West Point in this county to be distributed among the Citizens of that place[.]

I would further respectfully suggest that the arms suitable for the mounted force be sent forward soon -- as the Muskets now at this place are not compleat with accoutrements &c which fact I suppose Mr[.] McHenry has apprised you of.

I made the selection from my company on the 15th Inst[.] of two men (John Weightman & W.L. Meek) for the Seacret Service mentioned in your instructions -- would have placed two more but found that

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I could get the nessary [necessary] information without the additional expence &c[.]

Hoping soon to hear from you I have the honor to subscribe myself

Yours Very Respectfully
Wm. H. Doah
Capt[.] Co[.] "B" Mo[.] Mi.