

State of South Carolina.

ORDNANCE OFFICE.

Washington Ga Apr 1878/5

His Excellency

Gen A. G. Magrath.

Sir. Your order to proceed to Augusta Ga. ~~reach~~ dated at Spartanburg on the 9th inst reached me in Greenville, by the hands of Capt Allen on the 11th. I furnished him with 5,000 Enfield Cartridges & Caps for Gen Martin, on the 12th. I started for Augusta reaching that point on the evening of the 14th. I had a conversation with Col Rains Comdr Arsenal South, telling him that we were in great need of Arms & Ammunition he stated that he had no Small Arms, nor had he any Cartridges or Powder to sell or loan to the State. he would undertake to make up Small Arm Cartridges if we could furnish the lead, as he had some on hand. The enclosed paper shows my correspondence with him, on the 17th. The Ammunition sent forward is for Maj Perryman at Greenville, all we are entitled to, is the 5,000 rounds furnished to Gen Martin. The enclosed paper marked "B" is my Telegram to Gen Wayne a V. S. G. of Ga. and his answer.

My only course is now to proceed to Columbia, & at once send some lead Bulls to Col Rains at Augusta, out of which he can make up cartridges, as mentioned in my letter to you from Augusta, it is useless to apply to subordinate Confederate officers, an order from Col Gugas Chief of Ordnance, or the Secretary of War, would alone have effect upon Col Rains, who has charge of all the arsenals South. I have looked at all points visited, for ammunition to purchase but none could be found -

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedient

W G Eason Maj
A Ord. off.
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