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Rocky Mount, Arkansas,
Aug 15th 1868.

Governor Powell Clayton.
Dear Sir,

I have been at
this place two days. Have visited many
of the plantations, in connection with my
official duties. Find planters in high
spirits with the flattering prospects of an
amercous crop of both corn and cotton.
The freedmen in this Co. have worked
well and will clear from five to
fifteen hundred dollars ^{each} on their
this seasons labor. There is also fruit
in abundance. I am highly pleased
with the Co. generally and have con-
=cluded to locate here. Have mad

Little Rock

Rocky Mount

Aug 15th 68

Frederick W.

Respecting the
organization
of the State
Guards in this
County

satisfactory business arrangements
with Captain Scott, or, rather the
Hon. Gen. Scott. The condition of
political affairs is good. Scott is
very popular, and holds the strength
of the Co. in a four-fifth proportion.
There has been a split in the loyal element
but his ~~holds~~ influence carries every-
thing right, rendering the two
headed faction perfectly helpless.
And by way of harmonizing even
them, we propose to organize the League
take them in and make them as
useful as possible. Court was held
here last week. A perfect rebel
arrangement from the beginning.
Judge, Jury and Pros. Atty. not electors
under the new constitution. ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ a super-
boy sixteen years of age, for murder, and

sentenced him to be hanged, a
clear case of prejudice. From the
evidence. I expect to see you the last
of this week and will explain fully.
I have completed the organization of
State Guards in this Co. and shall return by
way of Paradisea Secor's Co. tomorrow in
company with Mr. Scott. The people of
each Co. in this Div. pled for two companies
of State Guards, on the grounds that the disloyal
party was so nearly equal, as to render one
company insufficient to protect them.
I gave them the organization, subject to your
approval, and before mustering, I shall be at
Little Rock to see you in reference to that,
and many other matters of great interest
to the people, and success of the republican
party. Sincerely hoping this may meet your
approval I remain Very Respectfully
Yours
John D. Smith
May 21st 1862
A. C. Smith