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HEAD-QUARTERS DISTRICT OF NORTH-EAST ARKANSAS,

Batesville, Dec^r 3^d, 1868.

His Excellency
Hon Powell Clayton
Governor

Little Rock.

Dear Governor.

I cannot at this time make a detailed report of my operations, but just drop you @ line to give you a little information. I returned last night from Fulton County. We secured up there, the Ku Klux H.Q. quarters, a coffin they used in their meeting room, and they also had the skull and bones of a union man, who was murdered in the neighborhood, which we will no doubt be able to obtain, but had not secured when I left. The information was obtained from one of the leading members who we have prisoner. He develops the whole plan. We also have prisoner, one of the murderers of Mason, and will shortly be able to give you the full particulars of that horrible tragedy - I left here with only 38 men, being the last man I could mount, and 4 gave out before we arrived at Salem, and we were joined there by Col Dale with 25 more. There has been nothing yet received from Major Tridale, except his report of which I wrote you, bearing date of 17th inst.

in which he said he had been compelled to draft. I immediately ordered him to report with the men at their H. Q. but have since heard nothing. I have left sufficient force to operate in Fulton County, and shall move again tomorrow morning. Major Monk tells me he can get one or two hundred more stand of arms and ammunition from Tolla if you will only inform Gov. Fletcher that they are needed. He has already sent his brother Capt Monk for 104 stand, last Monday morning. There is not a rebel now in Fulton County. They are all union men.

Very truly and Respectfully Yours

D. S. Whaw

D. S. Whaw (to be used)

Head Quarters
Dist of North East

Batesville Dec 3rd

Wpham D. D.

Was just returned from Union County. They secured a coffin used in the room of Rev. Alex. W. G. - Skull and bones of a Union man are also there. Shall probably get them.

Left here with 38 men, and captured was joined with Dale and 25 men.

Col Monks has sent his Brother for 104 stand of arms.

Recd Dec 3rd 1864