

Transcript of 1825 July 22: G. Bomford, Ordinance Department, to J. Barbour, Secretary of War, List of arms for Arkansas militia, L.C. Gulley collection, Arkansas State Archives, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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Ordinance Department  
Washington July 22d 1825.

The Honorable  
J. Barbour  
Secy of War

Sir,

In reference to the communication from the Gov of Arkansas of the 18th Ulto an extract from which has been referred to their Department, I have the honor to State: that a voucher of Arms have been transmitted to the Territory of Arkansas under the Act for Arming the militia. Their arms are considered as the property of the Territory; and subject entirely to the control of its proper authorities. A return of the arms, which have been furnished, in herewith communicated.

The law for arming the militia directs the arms to be distributed among the several States and Territories in proportion to the number of effective militia in each respectively. No return of the militia of Arkansas has yet been received, consequently the Territory has received no credit for arms under the law. All the arms which

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have been furnished, were given in anticipation of future apportionments. And it will probably require several years for the apportionments to equal the amount already furnished. Under the circumstances, it is not considered proper to furnish any additional supply of arms under the law for arming the militia, executed the rations of the militia office Territory and received.

The establishment of an Arsenal at Little Rock as recommended would require a special appropriation of funds by Congress for that purpose, before it could be

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undertaken.

The Arsenal at Baton Rouge is the nearest to the Arkansas River or Red of would probably require three weeks to convey arms from the Arsenal to Little Rock

I have the honor to  
(signed) G. Bomford Lt Col  
Cen Ordinance  
Service

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Return of Arms Etc. issued to the Territory of Arkansas under the law of April 1808, for Arming and Equipping the whole body of the Militia of the United States.

400 Muskets  
450 Pistols  
200 Cavalry Sabres  
12 Drums  
12 Fifes  
4000 Flints  
40,000 Musket Ball Cartridges  
3 Wall Tents

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