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Little River  
Rocky Comfort  
Aug 15 68

McWhorter W.

Respecting the  
organization  
of the State  
Guards in the  
County

Rocky Comfort, Arkansas,  
Aug 15th 1868.

Governor Powell Clayton  
Dear Sir,

I have been at  
this place three days. have visited many  
of the plantations, in connection with my  
official duties. Find planters in high  
spirits with the flattering prospicts of an  
uncommon crop of both corn and cotton.

The freedmen in this co. have worked  
well and will. clean from five to  
fifteen hundred each on their  
this seasons labor. There is also fruit  
in abundance. I am highly pleased  
with the co. generally, and have  
concluded to locate here. Have mad

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satisfactory business arrangements  
with Captain Scott, or, rather the  
Hon Geo. S. Scott. The condition of  
political affairs is good. Scot is  
very popular. and holds the strength

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of the co. in a four fifth proportion,  
There has been a split in the loyal element  
but his [~~influence~~] holds [~~influence~~] influence carries  
everything right: rendering the "sore  
headed" faction perfectly helpless.

And by way of harmonizing even  
them: we propose to organize the League  
take them in and make them as  
usefull 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. have a niger  
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 Paraclifta Sevier Co. tomorrow in  
company with Mr. Scott. The people of  
each Co. in this Div. pled for two company  
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  
approbation I remain Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt  
Maj Genl W. McWhorter  
A. A. Genl 8<sup>th</sup> Jud. Div