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Head-Quarters District of North-Eastern Arkansas,  
Augusta, Ark. Dec 15th 1868

Gov. Clayton

Dear Governor

I have the honor to make the following report. A large force numbering about (200) two hundred of citizens of Woodruff County gathered together, armed to resist the State troops, and the citizens of Augusta went out and met them day before yesterday and caused there to lay down their arms and return their homes, all except a few outlaws among which are the men who shot McClure and myself on the 2nd of Octo. last, the other men of the same carachtor. Last night about 10 o'clock our pickets were fired upon by a party of about (100) one hundred men from Sharp, Lawrence, + Jackson joined by the aforesaid few outlaws of this County. They immediattly retired about 5 miles above here on my plantation camped

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Over night, took my overseer Richmond Briscoe an Capt Audeson prisoners. This morning they made a move in the direction of Augusta, We have here about (120) one hundred and twenty men, half armed. We can hold the position until Dale and Monks arrive who are on their way with about (200) two hundred send us If possible about one or two hundred stand of arms, and some ammuniton. The rebels will probably get together six or eight hundred men within a week. Col Schworte can give you some information. We are anxious for a fight, and our men will do all they can

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with what they have to do with. I don't care for reinforcements if we have arms. The citizens are under my orders bringing in some every day. The telegraph operator, Holeman, is a Ku Klux and made his escape last night, after giving all the information he could by telegraph to Jacksonport. Send an operator. The good citizens have been here this morning begging for arms to fight with us

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all the morning but we have not to give. We are in fine spirits, and every man will fight. The citizens have just presented an address to citizens of other counties praying them to desist and let this county alone as they are all well satisfied, and wish no interference from any quarter. I will send you copy by next mail.

I have the honor Governor  
to remain yours with great  
respect.

D.P. Upham  
Brig. Gen. Commanding

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Upham Gen D. P.  
Augusta, Woodruff  
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Arms except a few  
Desperadoes. Last night  
out Pickets were fired upon by 100 men.  
men captured Capt  
Anderson and his overseer  
expects Dale and Monks  
with 200 men.  
Thinks that will get  
together six or eight hundred  
men. Beg for 100 Guns.  
Telegraph operator has  
left. Requests an operator  
sent. All well and in good spirits.

Rec Dec 18 1868