

Sir.

~~In answer to your letter of the 17th September~~

~~I have to remark that upon the receipt of your letter of the 14th of September. I immediately wrote to you and gave you my opinion of the state of the militia in this County and, and particularly respecting the Arms - as you make no mention of the receipt of that letter I am fearful it has not reached, I will therefore do myself the pleasure to ~~subjoin~~ subjoin a copy of that letter -~~

Sir. Copy Ochamhall Sept 30th 1813

your letter of the 14th instant I have this moment received - and now having just returned from reviewing the 15th Brigade and ^{will be} enabled in a few days to ~~present~~ present you, Excellency the actual state of the militia of this Brigade. Found the Arms very deficient in point of small caliber and equally so in respect to Ammunition - Some few Companies were well prepared that moment to go into action, while others could not produce a single cartridge. ~~The 139 & 30 Regts were more complete than the 33rd and~~ and although at the time

I ordered them 33 & 12 Regts? and which was obeyed with much alacrity, yet if we had been obliged to have faced the Enemy we should have been very illly prepared, very few having ~~any~~ cartridges, & many not one. Some few Gen. Henson on their own account borrowed 2000 which would have been delivered to me in case we had been invaded.

Copy letter to

Genl. J. J. J.

Oct 6 - 1813

Oct 9 - 1813

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Sir

I received your Excellency's Letter of the 1st inst
with the Government's ^{for which you will be pleased to accept my thanks} ~~order~~ in reviewing the Militia Law I ~~am~~
am not certain that I have power to call out the Militia
unless it is by Regiments in case of ~~contingent~~ apprehended
Attack, whereas ^{only} two or three Companies ~~might be all~~
~~which~~ might be ^{all which was} necessary, ~~as~~ as there are several
volunteer Companies; Artillery, Rifle as well as others
within the Limits of this Brigade which ~~would be better~~
would be more proper to order out than ~~than~~ a par-
ticular Company ~~in the Book~~ attached to a Regiment
I would therefore suggest the propriety to your Excellency
that in case of invasion or Alarm you ~~direct~~ authorize
you me to order out such Corps as I may think proper

I am your Excellency's Obedt
Servt

God Thompson