

Lowesburg Va
June 20th 1861

To Adj + Inspector Gen:
J Cooper

Sir:

Capt Wise with his company and two
other companies mustered into my
Legion have or will have reached
Gauzy Bridge this morning say: - 216 men
There is another company there from Fayette " 70 "
There to day 286 men

Yesterday I dispatched Capt Caskey 51 men

" " " Capt Buckholer arive 12. 2 pm

A company from Frankfort Greenbier Co 75 men

will arrive at Gauzy tomorrow 138 "

will be at Gauzy tomorrow night 424 "

A fine company of my Legion mus-
tered near Staunton Capt Bucks Cavalry

arrived here yesterday 98 "

Besides these there are Four Companies

in Monroe 280 "

One at Jackson River depot 75 "

" " Leesington 80 "

Two " Fayette 140 "

Ready to be mustered in + nally ready to march 575 675

By middle of last of next week shall } 1097

have an efficient force at Gauzy of }

These are certainly reliable forces

and besides these I am picking up

and expecting at least 250 men say 250

Probable forces there in 8 or 10 days 1347

Col Tompkins has of badly armed 1100

May expect + has unarmed 400

There will be in a week at } 1500

Charlton + Gauzy Bridge } 2597

I have sent on 2000 flint muskets and have collected a number of rifles to arm these men, and have got 300 kegs of Cannon powder, and about 200 lbs of rifle powder taken on the way, besides a number of double barrel shot guns. This region north is very unsound, all in the rear of Huttonsville & of my Command. On report to me last evening that there is, at a place called Williamsburg, a violent Yankee partizan, a Dr. Thatcher, who is intimidating the neighborhood and preventing volunteers from mustering, and threatening loyal citizens; at the request of some citizens of the place I sent a detachment of 6 men from Brock's Company to take him and his party, my orderly volunteering to command the party. They found him, last night about 18 miles distant, barricaded in the upper story of a house, and he received the orderly with three shots, one of which wounded him in the head. He left a guard, was able to ride back to the surgeon, and returned for a party to take this traitor & scour his neighborhood. I have sent this morning a small party and shall remain here until I know the result. Otherwise I should have started with my staff for Gaulzy, now I shall probably move not before tomorrow morning taking with me Brock's Company of Cavalry and will be at Gaulzy day after tomorrow.

My wagon master returned from Kan. last evening and reports that no invaders have as yet crossed the Ohio, but a small

party who have seized the P. office at Point Pleasant. Yet the country around the mouths of the Kan. & Pocotalino rivers is full of traitors who are arming & desperate, and can be readily reinforced from Selatis falls above & Galiapolis below. - I shall endeavor to occupy all the passes into the valley and scout and scour outwards with all my available forces, until the main body of invaders comes.

Having thus far proceeded in my command and organized and put into the field, nearly complete and actually in service, a full regiment of my Legion I now ask that the field officers may be commissioned and ordered to report to me at once, at Gauley Bridge, to wit: - Col. J. Lucius Davis, Lt. Col. Jno. St. Richardson and Major H. W. Fry Jr. now in Richmond.

They will hand this report to you and their services are indispensable to me now. I beg that this may be attended to immediately. - The 2nd Regt. will be organized very soon, when I will present to the Pres^t other field officers for commissions. The reports of Company officers for commissions will be forwarded as early as possible from Gauley Bridge. - I beg that you will urge the President to give these commissions now, before the organization of the Regt. is quite complete, because the public service absolutely requires them in command at the posts where the men are already in service. I ask this urgently of the President as not only a personal favor to me, but as an act

of justice to the officers I name, who
have expended much labor & money in
raising and forwarding these men,
and as a matter of necessity to my
command. You must remember, Sir,
that the latter consists of green & un-
organized Militia, & I need the best
of officers and need them now.

(Signed)

Most respectfully
Henry A. Wise
Brig. Genl. &c

Your Most
Obedt. Servant
H. A. Wise

Dispatched from
Gen. H. A. Wise
to
Gen. J. D. Cooper