

Helena, Arks
August 29th 1862.

Major Genl H. W. Halleck
Commander in Chief.

Sir:

I have the honor to state
a Battalion of Infantry has been raised in this
state and mustered into the service of the
U. S. under the direction of Maj Genl S. R. Curtis
It consists of four companies and the
men were mustered into service for six
months only and were mustered into
service before I reached the state. I shall
issue commissions to the officers. I regret
the battalion was not raised to serve during
the war. These men are not entitled to
bounty and I have but little doubt when
their term of service shall expire the

greater part of them will enlist for the war.

I have already issued commissions for the officers of the 1st Regt Arkansas Cavalry Co's commanded by Col Marcus La Rue Harrison, which was raised of Arkansians at Springfield, Mo.

This Regiment has but eight companies and I have instructed Col Harrison to increase the number of companies to twelve as recruits shall present themselves.

Until the army shall advance to the interior of the state we shall obtain but few recruits, ~~at this point.~~

I am with respect
Yr obt^d serv^t
John S. Phelps
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To: H. Halleck