

Brownstown, July 14th 1865

His Excellency A. I. Boreman (Governor)

Sir,

I received an order dated March 2nd 1865 authorizing me to organize a company of state Guards for the counties of Logan and Boone to consist of not less than 25 men.

At first thought I could receive 25 men in a short time, but I was much deceived, men remaining in those counties at that time had been conscripted into the Confederate Service (on what they called State Line Service under the Confederate authorities) and had been disbanded and they seemed to have taken up the idea (or a portion of them at least) that neutral ground was safest for them, as the county was infested with bushwhackers and sixty or seventy miles outside of federal lines. I could get no assistance from federal troops and consequently had to scout alone & some times one man for company finally I succeeded in recruiting 32 or 33 men made off my muster roll called my men together the required oaths were administered to them by John A. Barker a justice of the peace and his certificate with the roll and form of oaths was directed to the Adjutant Genl. of the State and I have not heard from it. Since then when Richmond fell I did not expect my men would be armed and equipped.

Tho I shall expect to be remunerated for my services by the state for recruiting the company.

Yours respectfully
Thomas Buchanan

To his Excellency
A. I. Boreman (Gov)

P.S. my address is Logan C. H. W. Va.
I did expect an answer to my muster roll