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To Col Geo Hudson

Dear Friend, Permit me to introduce you to Col Hunter who is among us with authority to raise a Regiment for the defence of our Country. He proposes that if we can raise the Regiment, he will go and get arms and ammunition for us, before he calls us out to service, in the mean time to furnish us with a drill master, who will prepare us for efficient soldiers. Besides this, the Col proposes, that he will not require us to go out side of our own nation unless in case of emergency, and will permit us to return home and attend to our farms, unless the enemy is coming down upon us &c. —

Under these assurances I have went to work, and raised two companies of 75 or 80 men each in this County. And I hope you

will aid Col Hunter with your
influence, to raise some companies
in the counties below here, so that
the Regiment may be made up
soon as possible, which will enable
us to get our arms to defend our
homes & firesides with ^{before the Rebels come} ^{upon us}

I think we must be a very poor
set of men, indeed, if we refuse
to accept the offer, when we are
offered arms and everything to
defend ourselves. I consider that
any man who opposes this plan,
is not only against the Southern
Government, but opposed to his
own interest & country.

The two companies we raised on yesterday
were sworn into the Confederate Service
for the War, as we will be compelled
to defend ourselves just so long as the
war lasts. Col Hunter will explain
many points to you that I cannot in this
letter.

Yours very truly yours
friend

R. W. Jones