

Executive Department,
May 29th 1862.

Genl. P. O. Hebert
Com'dg Dept, Texas.

Sir.

Some months ago, about the time the order of the Sec'y. of War was received, looking to the abandonment of the Coast of Texas, and while the Enemy were threatening our Coast Counties, I deemed it prudent, and advisable to have organized a small force of some Twenty Five men in the several Counties bordering on the Gulf, for the purpose of watching the movements of the Enemy, to act under the orders of the Brigadiers commanding in their respective localities, & when deemed necessary to assist in the moving of Negroes, stock and other property, out of reach of a marauding Enemy; these men have been mustered into the State Service for the war - furnishing their own horses, arms and ammunition, as also their own subsistence, with the other understanding that they were to be relieved from other military duty. They were organized long before the passage of the Conscrip't Law, it consequently cannot be said that they engaged in the Service on that account. I am clearly of opinion that this organization, in case of an invasion, can and will perform very



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good service - The companies are composed of men well acquainted with the ~~country~~ entire country and could render most important services in harassing the enemy, depriving them of supplies, and contribute greatly in supplying our Army, as well as in the assistance they could render in the preservation of property - I am satisfied that in all of the companies there would not be more than 150 men liable to duty under the Conscription Act. Now from the control that these men have over parties that are under & over the age liable to duty, in case of an emergency their force could be ~~doubled~~ more than doubled without injury to the Confederate service.

For the reasons assigned as well as for many others that could be stated, I believe it would result in great public good to let the organization stand. I am clearly of the opinion that we should have such a force; the one spoken of will answer a good purpose and is no expense to the Confederate Govt. If you deem it best to control the force I am more than willing, and believe the companies would most cheerfully enter the Confederate Service.

I have the honor to be

Yours Very Respectfully

F. R. Lubbock



B. The above letter was written by me while at Houston.
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