

N. D. Cont. Service
Austin, Sept 18. 1863.

To His Excellency
J. N. Lubbock

Governor, &c

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of communication concerning the ~~organizing~~ organization of minute companies for the protection of the frontier, and the incorporation into said companies of the heads of families exempted from the performance of military service by reason of the exposed condition of their families, &c.

The incorporation of these persons within conscript ages would, in my opinion, be in accordance with the motives inducing me to furlough them until further orders and the proposed course meets my approbation.

Should the Brig. Genl. in control of the conscripts of this Military District call for these men they would have to respond, but I am satisfied they will not be required to enter upon any other duty.

I have the honor to be
Your very obt. servt

John S. Ford
Co. & Com. of Conscripts

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Austin, Sep. 18, '63.

Communit^s from Com^{'s}
 mandant of Conscrip^ts
 accepting the propo-
 sition of the Governor
 to have home-guards
 formed on the frontier
 of men within Conscrip^t
 aged who have been paroled
 from Conf. Cons['] service

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