

Newberry S.C.
April 13th 1865

Dear Emerson,

Enclosed are some
letters & papers handed me by
Garlington. He is still confined to
the house but will be ^{out} in a
day or so, if the weather continues
as it is. He suffers now only from
rheumatism.

I have been trying to
do what I could in the matter
of collecting the arms said to have
been scattered by the Army of
Gen. Ripley in its passage through
this section of country. I am satis-
fied the representation as to the
number thrown away by the rebels
has been greatly exagerrated.
What arms collected under the

first order given by Genl
Gurlington were by some misap-
prehension turned over to the
Sindling officer here who has
some of them in use by his
substitutes. There are about
15 stands in his possession
now. I will take those &
the muskets that are here
& send them to Greenville
to Col Eason, if it meets
your approbation. I think
under the circumstances, I will
be warranted in accepting
of the Sindling officer for these
guns, until he can get the
proper receipts for Maj. Eason.
I hope you for the better I
wrote you after my return

from Augusta.

Dr. O'Neil informed me the other day that he knew General Johnston had issued an order for me to report & serve for a few months & duty in his army. I have been expecting the order every day but it has not yet come to hand.

Will write you again in a day or so. Great many rumors of the enemy. They have, without doubt, I suppose burned Decatur & following & are in force at a near Camden. Their object is, I suppose, the destruction of the rolling stock on the Camden Branch R.R. which I fear has been accomplished. I state this when

reliable private information
I do not make it an official
statement.

Very truly

Wm. G. Vance

I can pencil as I have no
pencil & write in haste by
the morning train.