

Society Hill

March 31 1865

General

In accordance with your orders
I proceeded to organize the troops of
this Division - I formed some companies
and put them into a Battalion - there
was no report from George Lewis Williams-
burg and Harry and only a partial report
from Malvern - I found upon inquiring
of the Col that the arms deposited at
the respective Camps & Stores by the State
Authorities had been loaned out to the
people & were not to be had - Col Cook
of Malvern had retained the arms ~~offe~~
ed in his care & I understand those
deposited at Harry were in possession
of the Col of the District - there being
no arms and no ammunition and
having no provisions and no money

with which to purchase and having no authority to impud I felt at a loss how to execute the order I had recievd from you and consulted with your aid Col Mullins who did not hesitate to direct me to make the same to this home until further order - this I proceeded to do and sent Col. Van St. Evans to consult with you - He failed to reach Abbeville the 10th of Nov having been cut by the enemy a few hours before he reached Simpsonville - I should have ^{made} an effort to communicate with you since the Army left us but I did not know where to send and the means of communication are extremely rare between this section of the State and any other part - There being no Rail Road facilities & the country having been stripped of horses - I came to this place today to send a staff officer to you

Genl. W. B. Cash,
Giving information
in regard to ~~the~~
appointments in his
Command,

March 15th
1858