

The State of South Carolina
Executive Department
Columbia, S. C.

28 Feb 2 1865.

Sir.

When the troops in garrison near the City of Charleston were ordered to be equipped for field service, no suitable small arms could be readily procured. To expedite the preparations, I loaned to the Regiment of Artillery commanded by Col Rhett, a number of Enfield Rifles of the best quality, with every thing complete.

The City of Columbia has lost to the State almost its entire supply of small arms. The transportation at that place was off

To Hon. J. C. Breckenridge
Feb 26/65

Course under Confederate authority &
The State Ordnance Office with every
secret effort could not secure the
heaping up for the removal of
State property. The State lost most of
its arms & ammunition.

Relying now upon its own resources
for its protection I have to request
that you will order a like number
of arms & accoutrements with those
furnished by the State to be returned.

With the loss of the sea-port & with
that the loss of all opportunities to replace
these arms & with the loss of all the other
arms it had; you will not fail to see
how strong a the necessity which now
compels me to ask the aid indicated.

With respect

Wm D Breckenridge

Yours truly

As of 1865

A. G. Roberts