

Raleigh
Washington 25 Apr. 1861

Capt. Tho Sparrow

Dear Sir

I presented to the Governor this morning the tender of their services to the State. I understand that arms are not furnished to the companies until they get to rendezvous — and are mustered into service. Uniforms are not furnished at all — the Gov has not the means.

The Gov is so much occupied that it is difficult to get any conversation with him. As well as I can understand the intention of parties in power here — it is to have about 5000 men in camps at Charlotte, Raleigh & Goldsboro, as a moveable force. The other troops will guard the forts. — I cannot clearly ascertain that there is any plan, — there is no organization system or command.

The country is full of zeal. Tenders are pouring in — Drills go on constantly & every where.

In great haste

Yours truly
Wm. B. Rodman

M. B. Wickham '61
Company in Service

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