

Office Military Bd  
Austin Texas.  
Jan'y 17 1865

Major A. H. Army.  
Sub agents Mil. Depts

Sir

Yours of the 12th ulto to hands enclosed we send you a copy of an order from Dept Hd Quarters granting your Detail to the state of Texas and ordering you to report to the Governor of the state for duty. Untill that order is revoked by General Smith. You will obey no order from any Confederate official you are solely under the orders of the Governor and military board of the state of Texas.

You will notify the Enrolling officer of this and also that he will erase your name from the rolls of the Company, and you will not in any case obey orders from any source except as above indicated so long as Gen Smith order for your detail is not rescinded. A contrary course would lead to complications that would thwart the purposes for which you have been detailed, would be derogatory



to the state interests and place  
you in a false position  
The Teams and wagons in your  
employ are in the service of the  
state and must not be interfered with  
by any authority except thro the  
orders of the military board.

In relation to the foraging of  
Mr Yarbrough to our satisfaction  
and being "officer" as he has been  
killed "sure" it may be as well not  
to make any charges now. But  
you will notify all your employees  
that you and they are in the employ  
of the state and only subjects to  
orders from state authorities

you will sell salt as you were  
heretofore instructed at the market  
price for such funds as you can  
use in the purchase of supplies re-  
necessary to carry on your business

you must make it self sustaining  
and should be able now in a short  
time to make it a source of revenue  
to the state

A schedule of prices are in  
any way to regulate you in regard  
to sales, of course we leave to you  
a "round" discretion in conducting  
the sales.

When necessities cases present  
you will sell to such at such rates  
as your judgment shall dictate



Indigent soldiers families should  
be supplied at, lowest possible  
rates. In such quantities hours  
as a sound judgment should  
dictate

It is not in the power of the  
Military Board to send means  
of transportation to you. If you  
should think proper you can  
send wagons with salt to the  
Drago. For Trinity to see for  
Cord or other supplies. This you  
must manage yourself.

It is not deemed necessary  
at present to lay your case before  
Genl Smith, as "He think his order  
fully covers your case"

If it is violated you will  
report the facts with particulars  
to the board, that it may be referred  
to Genl Smith, for his action  
shown

you will report any Confederate  
officer who may interfere with  
you no difference who he may be  
not only to the Military Board but  
also to Genl Smith.

we wish to know what you are doing  
what you are making how you are  
disposing of the salt, and we also  
wish more frequent communications  
from you, we are in the dark



asto your success,  
respectfully  
your Oth Surt  
J Murrah  
President Mll Board

I & The latter remarks the Governor  
made without my knowledge are  
received your report, and you are  
continue to make your reports.  
Quarterly Signed A D Pearce

Deputy  
Secty of  
Attorney  
Sept  
Mil Bd  
January 1965

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