

Dear Kerr

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I send you enclosed an account against the United States for Powder in order that it may be laid before the United States Government, if you consider it to be in a proper state to be acted on - It is impossible to state the exact amount that was consumed by the Militia while in actual service - But I have vouchers to shew and all arranged too, that the Powder charged cost the State the full amount of the account stated, and the Returns of the different Companies will shew the Quantity that is now on hand - The account at Washington is vouchered as well as it can be, and only waits the convenience of yourself and the Secretary of War - I shall in the course of a fortnight visit St Marys, and be absent from home about three weeks, should you in the mean time be prepared to visit Washington, I can see nothing to prevent you - If wants I think no explanation - If the Secretary at War sanctions Mr Hagner in his objections, the State will lose about \$10,000. If he however determines, as I think he will, that the vouchers as papered by the Executive are sufficient, this truly unpleasant business (at least to me) could in a few days be brought to a close - I should like to receive a line or two from you ^{soon as} convenient - (That you may have a full and complete idea of the matter of the military expenditures I have made) I have had enough copies from the respective units, and have enclosed them to you.

Your sincere friend
John L. Kerr