

Canyonville, Nov 5th 1855

Mr Editor:-

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All is bustle and confusion here "Wars and rumors of wars." Nearly all the companies called for by the Governor are now at Head Quarters on Grave Creek and at present there is a temporary suspension of action on the part of the whites, but will be renewed again when all is well organized and supplies arrive sufficient to the war with the utmost vigor for 60 days. These supplies are all being furnished as expeditiously as possible--and I think from the many disadvantages under which the officers labor from there being no funds with which to procure stores--the furnishing departments are carried on very judiciously & economically.

In many cases merchants & others have refused to trust "Uncle Sam" for supplies that were absolutely necessary, and the officers in charge have had to advance their own private funds.

The following is a list of the officers South

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- J.W. Drew Adjutant
- John P. Miller Quarter Master General
- M.N. McCarver Comdant General
- Thos J McCarver & U.B. Wadsworth Asst Com
- G.D.B. Boyd and Jabis. Huelar Asst. Qr. Master
- Samuel B May, Commissary and Quarter masters clerk

Yours ac
Canyon

Friend Dush--

Above I send you a few items which you can use as all humble correspondents say "as you see fit"-What is written about Parkinson is an actual fact, which can be unified by many who were present when P came here. I am now stationed at Canyonville but probably will go south soon to find Boyd

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