

In a three page report (first page seen below), Childs noted, "the bands have been waiting for the guns and it was every intention to give them either to Eason or Cameron but Ripley had not turned the appropriate guns over to the arsenal for the work. Ripley, on the other hand, claimed he already sent the guns where the work was to be done which would save time in the process. Childs, somewhat resentfully added, "There can be no proper reason for the Easons not working as well for me as for General Ripley." Ripley had Childs arrested, citing the failure to fill valid requisitions with the supply on hand. And of course the bands went over to Eason. For what it was worth, Beauregard fully recognized the conflicting issues, noting, "the chiefs of ordnance of this department and district, relying too much on the supplies of the arsenal, of which they are not fully informed, often make requisitions at too short notice, thereby causing unnecessary delays and confusion." His offered solution was a relocation of the arsenal to a place in the northwestern part of this State selected by Major Childs. The Ordnance Department's response, if any, was not