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PROCLAMATION, BY THE GOVERNOR OF ALABAMA.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Montgomery, Alabama, Dec. 20, 1861.

With all the purchases by the State, and the private contributions made by individuals, our soldiers in the field are not sufficiently supplied with clothing or blankets. And now under the proclamation of the Executive of 22nd of November, several thousand additional troops are rapidly enlisting for a march to Tennessee and Kentucky, under a requisition made on the State by General A. S. Johnson. They must be furnished with arms, warm clothing and blankets. They go to a cold and inhospitable climate. Will not every citizen, male and female, contribute to the equipment of these gallant men who are rushing to meet the enemy, in almost countless numbers, in the great Valley of the Mississippi? Many have guns rusting in their houses, and blankets lying upon their shelves, which they can well afford to give or sell to their country. Will they not lay them upon its bleeding altar. God have pity upon the miserly wretch who will neither fight, nor labor, nor spend his substance in the defence of his home and liberties! The big-hearted men of the State have contributed freely of everything and in every way, and, thank God, will ever respond to the call of their country. To them I appeal for arms and blankets for our gallant troops. We want thousands of guns, *and we need ten thousand blankets.* Send all you can give, and all you can sell, and send without delay.

As nearly all the troops now moving for Tennessee and Kentucky are from the valleys of North Alabama, an appeal to the patriotism of South Alabama for guns and blankets, I know, will not be in vain.

Deliver to Col. Wm R. Pickett, A. G. M. of Alabama, at Montgomery, or to the Judges of Probate in the several counties, who will immediately forward to him. Articles sold will be valued by competent men, on receipt, by Col. Pickett, and the money promptly paid by him to owners or their agents.

Contributions in North Alabama, and articles for sale, will be delivered to the State Agent, Mr. Shanklin, at Huntsville.

JNO. GILL SHORTER.

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