



# State of Illinois

Executive Department.

Springfield Aug<sup>l</sup> 5 1863.

His Excellency

Abraham Lincoln President

Washington D. C.

Sir:

I desire to submit the within most important paper of Citizens of Rock Island and to request your earnest attention - It certainly is of the utmost importance that the Arsenal at R. Island be at once commenced and completed - and I trust that the transfer of the Island of R. Island to the Iowa Military Department & jurisdiction will not for a single moment be entertained - and that you will set the minds of the people of R. Island and of the State easy





by immediate direction to Capt Reynolds  
W. D. M. or in such manner as you may deem  
best.

Very Respectfully,  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Yates  
Governor

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12 Aug 1863

Gen. Galt  
Aug. 5. 63.

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Keokukville report to the  
Secretary of War.

A. Lincoln

Aug. 12. 1863.

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