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**1862-02-08 Colonel Staples wishes to have the Windsor rifles
instead of the Austrian rifles**

Henry G. Staples

Camp Howard, Va.

February 28th, 1862.

Pro W. Dyer Esq.

Marlin.

Your communication of Ore is at hand. If I could have the entire Regiment armed with the Windsor Rifle I would like it. We have the Austrian Rifle it gives very good satisfaction but is liable to give out at any time. We should require for the entire Regiment 750 rifles.

Very Resp^{ly} Yrs

Henry G. Staples.

Capt 3rd Regt

(over)

P.S. If there are recruits sent
out soon, could they be fur-
nished with the same before
leaving? We have had three
and four kinds of arms at
one time, they were distrib-
uted by Col. Paul, however.
This occasions trouble in
drawing ammunition as I
cannot draw Windsor Rifles
at Washington I should
be obliged in case recruits
should arrive to have a
different kind of arms
for them. As I do not wish
to carry them around, I
have given you the exact
number required at the
present time. Before sending
I should be glad to know
the weight and caliber.
Yr truly
Henry Stephens

Will you the labor beyond
Scotland?

P.S.

Sol. Henry G. Steffen
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