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John A. Wharton Letter to Joseph Wheeler regarding pistols

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Confederate States Army

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Wofford Texas 9th Cavalry Co

Rey Aug 16/63

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The pistols will reach here to
night - I have but one Heap
(Thos. Roney) properly armed
with pistols & I respectfully
request that my Sir may
know this distribution shall
Every Prisoner needs them
my mind I trust that you
will see the propriety of not
making a distinction in favor
of one portion of us over
another, against another;
neither myself, Officers, or
men, are conscious of having
acted in such a way as to de-
prive us of our distributive
share of weapons, so useful
to Cavalry - I trust you will send
me an order here, to take my
share - I request an early reply.
Major Genl. Sincerely Yr friend
Joseph Wheeler. Fredt. Whelan
Pris Genl