who can do any thing
is the Quartermaster General and he has not a tent
Camp Kettle or Knap sack in this Arsenal (except
what I have concluded to send off tomorrow
morning as above mentioned). The furnishing men
As to Cannon, Muskets and Ammunition I can
say now one here who will exercise any authority
over them or deliver a single article upon my
requisition. Neither can I find any officer of
the army who feels himself authorized to exercise
any authority or to do any act which will aid me
in the all important object of protecting the Inha-
bitants of an extended Frontier exposed to the
Cruelties of Savages and the depredations of the enemy.
If I must rely upon the Militia solely for such
protection I entreat you to give orders to your
officers here to furnish upon my orders for the
use of the Militia Detachments, all needful
weapons and articles with which the United States
are supplied and of which we are destitute.
You may rely upon all the assistance which
my talents, influence or authority can furnish in
the actual prosecution of the just & necessary