

To the  
Honorable A. G. Magrath  
Gov of S. Carolina

We the undersigned  
would respectfully present this our petition in behalf  
of W. S. Stevenson a citizen and resident of  
Buttons Neck Marion District S.C. desiring his exemp-  
-tion from service in the first class State Reserve  
Troops and would set forth the following reasons  
for making the request.

1<sup>st</sup> W. Stevenson is 48 years old, of very delicate  
Constitution having suffered from several attacks,  
within the last three years of congestive chills and  
also of gravel in the kidneys. He has besides  
had one or more attacks of Typhoid Fever which  
has very much impaired his Constitution and according  
to our belief his appearance does not warrant his  
being of any service in the field.

2<sup>nd</sup> - He is also a bonded Agriculturist to the Confederate  
Government, a successful planter and at present  
the only one in the neighborhood who has the means  
of alleviating the wants of the many poor around  
him.

3<sup>rd</sup> He is the only male person over the age of five  
years residing on his premises and his abstraction  
from home would lay his provisions liable to waste  
and depredations from the many deserters who infest  
our neighborhood - and thereby rendering the suffering

of the poor much more intense <sup>than</sup> they otherwise  
might be. -

Other reasons might be presented  
by your petitioners but they think that enough  
has been said to satisfy you that his exemption  
from service and remaining at home will be  
of much more advantage than any aid  
he might give by his personal service in the army.  
Pittons Neck Marine G.C. 7th Jan 1865

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