

To the
Honorable A.G. Magrath
Governor of So. Carolina

We the undersigned would respectfully present this our petition in behalf of Mr. J.A. Stevenson a citizen and resident of Brittons Neck Marion District S.C. desiring his exemption from service in the first class State Reserve Troops and would set forth the following reasons for making the request.

1st—Mr Stevenson is 48 years old, of very delicate constitution having suffered from several attacks within the last three years of congestive chills [malaria] 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.

2nd—He is also a bonded agriculturalist 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.

3rd—He is the only male person over the age of five years residing on his premises and his abstraction from house would lay his provisions liable to waste and depredation from the many deserters who infest our neighborhood—and thereby rendering the suffering of the poor much more intense then they otherwise might be.

Other reasons might be presented by your petitions but they think that 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.

Brittons Neck Marion S.C. 7th Jan. 1865

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