

Sandy Flat, S.C.

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His Excellency Thomas A. S.
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Will your honor
permit a sick man to give
you a few suggestions in
this our time of peril
no crops are now for the
next 2 months seeding
work would it not be
well to call every man &
Boy from 16 to 60 more
directly to confront the
foe who is marching &
destroying our fair land
Take every young Excellency
officer Quarter Master

and to military their
clerk's & Assistants part
then all details & exempts
in the field and young
surgeons too fill their
places with crippled &
diseased soldiers and
all Physicians can't
would be greatly swelled
Then take all the slaves
from 18 to 45 and put
one to each soldier to
be his servant for the
time to wait on him &
fight by his side not as

his equal but as his
servant as Abrahams
servants fought for him
make them fight for their
Masters and their own
homes Is it not best to
arm them I make them
kill the foe then for
that foe to arm them
and make them kill
us if we fail to swell our
ranks with the slave the foe
will most surely swell his
ranks with the slaves

if Sherman is not whipp-
ed he may whip us if
we do not make the same
fight him he will make
the same fight as may
God give us wisdom, grace
and strength willing hearts
and ready hands to do for the
best may we humbly repeat
unto & trust in God
your slave but obedient sub-
ject & soldier

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