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Adj't & Insp'r Genl's Office
Richmond Jan'y 4th /65

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that Mr. Paul F. Hammond of So. Ca. son of the late Governor Hammond of that State, has proposed to raise a Battalion of Cavalry from Exempts, men over forty-five, light duty men &c. for the purpose of operating along the Savannah River. He thinks that the Bill reported by the Military Committee should pass, this Battalion might be raised in the Districts of Edgefield, Orangeburg, Lexington, Barnwell, & Beaufort, & the adjacent Counties of Georgia; & that it would be composed in a large measure of men who would otherwise manage to waste their time together but that in such an organization as he proposes, they would do valuable service, familiar as they are ^{with} every part of the Country.

Mr. Hammond served with some distinction with the forces under General Kirby Smith in Kentucky. He is a gentleman of property & energy & is considered capable of

raising & Commanding with efficiency the
force he proposes to raise.

Considering the straits to which
we are driven, & the great necessity of increas-
ing our forces in that direction, I would
respectfully recommend his proposition
to your favorable & early consideration.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

yr obt. Servt.

(Signed)

S. Cooper

A. & J. Genl.

Hon J. A. Seddon
Secretary of War

A. R. F. 677.

R. B.

Genl. Sherman in
Genl. Hardee's report
he authorizes to print
such literature, if the names &
circumstances, reporting facts
~~that~~ to you that you
may have had in your
service
(signed) J. A. S.

5th Jan'y 65-

Very resp. to Genl. Hardee
for his favorable consid-
eration & return.

(signed)

J. Cooper
A. J. R. Hardee

Jan'y 5th 65-

C. I.

Rep. to Capt. A. C. Hardee
Jan'y 11th 65-