

7th S C Regt Near Smithfield N. C.
April 1st 1865,

Gov. A. G. Magrath.

Sir,

I have the honor to address you upon a subject which deeply concerns the interest of all,

While our general government is doing all in its power for our common defence - States are being evacuated by our armies and left almost without help against plundering parties of the cruel enemy. During this trying time of our history - every one is looking around for the place where he can be of most use to his country and particularly to his native State.

I have thought and many have agreed with me that a Guerilla company of 40 or 50 men to operate upon the coast of S. C. would accomplish more than a Brigade in open battle with an enemy. If it meets your approbation and I can through you get the appointment - every blow shall be struck for the interest of my State and furthermore will feel grateful for your favor.

Guerillas companies may not be allowed but Scouting parties attached to this

army are guerillas except in name.

If I am Successful - I wish to take two officers and eight or ten men with me from this command, or gather as you desire upon that point. I refer you for any information concerning me to Capt C. P. Townsend who is with Maj Melton and Capt W^m. J. Gayer of your acquaintance. I also send a recommendation from my captain - commander of Regt & Brigadier General.

I have the honor to await your action & reply and subscribe myself -

Your obt Servt
J. A. Townsend Lieut
Co B 7th S. C. Regt
Conner's Brigade.

P.S. If you do not favorably consider the application - I will accept any position which you may be pleased to secure for me provided it be a promotion.

Respectfully
J. A. Townsend

J. O. A. Townsend.

Street No. 70th St. E. Reg.

April 14th 1865.

Application for author-
ity to receive a Bureau
company in this State.