

Charleston Feby 1. 1865

Dear Governor

Seeing that the general
or most probable opinion is that
Butler's division will feed upon
us till they are recruited and
their bellies filled with gulls,
back to Virginia to succor the
"Government" I hope you will not
object to retain one poor soul
who has been rather sharply fallen
- and up whose name is Simon
Augusty - He was here yesterday
and I prepared an application to
you for his continuance in the
Columbia Mine department which
will be presented to you by the
time you get this and I hope it
may be successful - My opin-
- ion, in which I have good reason
to believe Major Malton concurs
is that according to the bitter
decision of the War Dept. he
is entitled to an exemption -
But they have decided other.

- wise and Simon either because
 he has a frequent mind or
 patriotic impulses - or - because
 coming early - but - their shadow
 before joined the fire Company
 while his case was pending and
 before the decision and now
 hopes to be safely honored for
 the war - But - The small-
 - ing officer hopes otherwise and
 is after him - I am obliged
 to you by giving his case a care-
 - ful consideration, when which
 of course I think the decision
 must be favorable -

I saw Genl Gordon here
 today - He looks pale and
 care worn - says if the Gov-
 - ernment goes with the war
 off to Mexico - I think it
 quite certain after what
 we heard of his status he
 will not - like to go on

The Washington Secretary

I do not ask you what
you think of the Pleas Sena-
-tion — I think and am quite
sure I shall not be unhelpfully dis-
-appointed because I expect nothing
from it —

There is no news here but
what the world knows —

Yours truly

John M. Magrath

Lincoln has not yet begun
to stir about the things you
wished noted —

Yr.
John M. Magrath