

To His Excellency A. G. Magrath

Governor of South Carolina

Dear Sir

I respectfully ask a detail to attend to the business in which I am at present engaged on the following grounds -

1<sup>st</sup> - I have been from the commencement of the War running my Freeman's Mills for the Government exclusively, also one Steam Toll Mill & one Water Toll Mill for the People, My White Employees & My Son are in service and I am compelled to carry them on by negroes - These Mills are necessary to the Government & People - I carry them on at a loss - selling my lumber to Government at 12<sup>th</sup> per M - <sup>until Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> each</sup> since which time the Officers have nominally allowed 50<sup>th</sup> per M but I have received nothing for 6 mos past - Without my supervision such as it is - these Mills would stop -

2<sup>d</sup> - I have a number of negroes - Women & Children at this Point - who would starve without my care and here I am in charge of a Toll Water Mill also which I run by a negro for the People -

3<sup>d</sup> - I am broken down Physically having suffered greatly from Neuralgia in the past 12 months in addition to my Rheumatism - in so much that for 2 mos past I have been enabled to leave the House but 4 times - I am unable to walk any distance and that slowly - I do my business at present through my Negro workmen who are intelligent & Faithful -

4<sup>th</sup> - I have charge also of my Sons Farm in Anderson this negro - he is in service - I have 56 negroes to take care of besides his - I am in my 55<sup>th</sup> year -

5<sup>th</sup> - I have no other business to mention - I am, Sir, your obedient servant

service to the Country, in any other position  
~~I~~ would respectfully ask to be assigned to  
such duty, as I am capable of performing,  
as I could not stand the exposure of field  
service but a day, or two at most.  
In conclusion I would remark that should  
this Property be left without supervision it  
must be lost to the Country as well as myself.  
Very respectfully,

Ramsay Valley Mill  
January 17<sup>th</sup> 1865

Helward Glover

State of South Carolina Richland Dist  
Personally appeared before me Mr Ramsay,  
Notary Public - Helward Glover who on  
oath says that the above facts are true.  
January 17<sup>th</sup> 1865-