

Kingstree. P. O.
Williamsburg District
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A. G. Magrath.

Dear Sir

By an act passed by
our late Legislature, Entitled "An act to alter
and amend the militia laws of the State".

I see that the power to grant exemptions
from military service is vested in you as
Governor of the State. I therefore in
behalf of myself and others would pray
you for an exemption from military ser-
vice of my overseer W. J. B. Cooper for the
following reasons and facts, he has a
Bonded exemption from Confederate
Service and also a State exemption as
my overseer from the Adjutant and
Inspector Generals office in pursuance of
the Ordinance of the Conventions of
South Carolina. My husband J. A. James
M. D. is absent in the service as chief Surgeon
of Gen^l Kershaw's Division. He, W. J. B. Cooper,
furthermore has charge of several other planta-

-tions on which there are no white persons except
ladies and infant children, all the males being
absent in the military service, on said plan-
tations are slaves to the number of over two hun-
dred, for these reasons and facts we would pray
for his exemption as his services are actually
necessary for the management of the business
of the places under his charge
And your petitioner would ever pray.

S. B. James,

I certify that the facts stated
in the above petition are true,
J. McButcher

Exemption

W. J. B. Cooper