

The Hon A. G. Magrath.

Governor of S. of S. C.

Your Petitioner C. W. Cross
a refugee from Charleston and for the last year
resident of Lexington with his family shows
that your petitioner engaged with the dup
port of a large family destitute of any other
source of support, though very infirm
aged 57 years and 5 months and suffering from
Hæmorrhæ and Bleeding piles accompanied
with prolabium Ani, and subject to painful
attacks of Rheumatism whenever exposed
to inclement weather. Has no means to
support them other than his personal ex-
ertions. That he is about to take charge
of the School at Tusculum or to take a
contract on the Columbia & Hamburg
Rail Road, and awaiting only the action
of others to close with one or the other of these
contracts, that his position in the Militia
precludes his doing so.

That though he believes these infirmities entitle
him to an exemption from a service in which

he can render very useful aid - He recognizes
his obligation to serve the State in the hour
of her trials and is reluctant to plead an ex-
emption - But solicits a delay and is ready
and tending his services to the State in any
Capacity, in which they may be invoked.

He solicits a detour from service in the
field - which would leave his family destitute
and subject him to suffering and certainly place
him in a position where his future exertions would
be unavailable for his family or Country.

His Eldest son is now in the Army of
N. V. His son in Law Mr. Gardner has his
life in defence of Battery Wagner and his welfare
is dependent wholly on your patriotic personal
exertions.

Hoping that your Excellency will see
in these circumstances rather the desire to be
useful - in the discharge of imperative duty
than any desire to evade service, I beseech
your favorable consideration of my prayer -