

To his Excellency A. G. Magrath
Governor of South Carolina

Your Petitioner

John J. Evans a citizen of York
District, South Carolina & residing
in the Town of Yorkville, 34th Regiment
So Car Militia, sheweth that he is
fifty three years of age - has a wife
& eight children - his oldest son is
a soldier in the Confederate army
- his other children reside with
him & his oldest boy at home is about
ten years of age. He owns no slaves
& his family are dependent on his
labor for their support. Petitioner
is a tailor by trade & has followed
& earned on said business for many
years. His shop located in Yorkville
is the only one now in said Town
and its discontinuance would
cause much public inconvenience
Petitioner cuts out & makes many
garments of clothing for the people
of the surrounding country -
Ready made clothing is not now
in market for sale & people depend
upon their tailor to cut & fashion
their garments. Tailors are now
few & far between. Petitioner
works at his trade for many soldiers
in the army. He believes he can
do more good by remaining at
home & working at his trade for
the support of his family than by
any military service he could
render - he therefore respectfully
prays to be exempted from
military service beyond the limits
of his District & detailed for the
support of his family & the service
&c. Sworn to & subscribed July 8 1865

Before me
G. Williams
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J. J. Evans

