

Newbury 4th March 1865

My Dear Sir

Yours of 27th ult. was received this morning & I assure you I will render you all the assistance I can in trying to relieve the Distress & Suffering in Columbia our Town & immediate surrounding Country have already sent to Columbia from this place Six wagon loads of provisions the wagons left this place on Thursday morning last & I suppose will reach Columbia today we are still collecting in Supplies at this place. but we will have great difficulty in procuring transportation it is almost impossible to procure Teams. Horses & Mules, are scarce in our District. & the time has arrived that planters must prepare for another crop I can make no suggestions but I hope some plan will be adopted to keep some Teams running from this place to Columbia hauling provisions for the starving in the ~~district~~ ^{country} through which the enemy passed I have two Bacon hams I have been keeping for you & will send them to you the first opportunity

I am in feeble health not able to
take much exercise. Can undergo
but little labor - but can think
& talk and will do all I can
I have been in bad health for
the last two months, but am
now improving am feeling better
for the last few days than I have
since November last

His Excellency

A. G. Magrath
Spartanburg S. C.

Yours very truly
E. P. Lake