

South Carolina }  
Edgefield District } To his Excellency A. G. Magrath.

Dear Sir.

I hereby most respectfully  
submit the following statement for your con-  
sideration, and upon which I ask your Excellency  
to grant to me a detail or exemption: I am a  
regularly ordained Minister of the Gospel and  
have been such for the last ten or twelve years;  
performing all the duties of a Minister consonant  
with my Profession.

As such, I have been all the time exempted  
from Confederate Service; and now hold an Ex-  
emption from Lieut. Moses Enrolling officer of  
Edgefield Dist., but as all Exemptions in the State  
have been repealed, and you having authority  
from the Legislature to grant details or exemptions,  
I therefore ask your Excellency to grant to me  
an Exemption or detail if in accordance with  
your view, that the Church may not suffer in  
the event of my being called into Service.

Your early attention in this case will very  
much oblige your Obedient Servant.

Address.

Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1865.

J. P. Bodie

Meeting Street,  
Edgefield Dist. S.C.

South Carolina, } Personally appeared before me Mr Edward  
Edgefield Dist. } and George Quattlebaum, to me well known  
and whom I certify to be persons of Veracity & Credibility who  
upon their oath depose and say they are acquainted with Rev.  
J. P. Bodie, & the facts set forth in his petition are strictly  
Correct, & that they join him in the foregoing Petition.

Sworn to before me, 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1865 } William Edwards  
J. Quattlebaum M. C. C. } Geo. Quattlebaum