

Columbia

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To His Excellency Gov. A. S. Magrath  
Governor State of South Carolina  
Governor

I arrived here last night and after conversing with several gentlemen I have concluded that the disturbances among the negroes in the Fort has pretty much subsided - I saw Mr Albert-Elmore who in company with several other young men had visited the Fort for the purpose doing what they could to bring the negroes to proper subjection - In my instance they found them easily intimidated and no serious disturbance among them - In fact - from all that I can gather no worse state of things exists than in my past experience I have observed in other States whilst the enemy was near at hand - Col Gordon thinks that it is highly important for our company to visit - Mr Ironholms place and says there will be no difficulty about forage for the horses, which I had apprehended would be a serious matter - I hear that Capt-Perceval's company is at Aiken I will start for that point in a few moments and will send him on immediately - I can not hear of Capt-Brabhams company but will hunt them up & send them either to Orangeburg or Bamwell or Beaufort - District as they



may be most-needed - I learn there  
has been some trouble in St. Matthews  
Parish but-not-amounting to any thing serious  
so far as I have been informed - If the  
owners of hundreds of negroes that I see  
strolling through the streets here could be  
induced to make some disposition of  
them or if they could be employed it-  
would benefit the idlers and induce those  
who are now compelled to serve their owners  
to do so more cheerfully - The idlers here  
are quiet-but-I expect-very much in the  
way - I have not-a-doubt-that in every  
neighborhood such citizens as are at-  
home can assist-a great deal in restoring  
order & discipline among the slaves and  
such as are away could be at-this time  
very useful if it-is in their power to return  
to their plantations - I will endeavor to  
carry out-your wishes as quickly as  
possible - Very respectfully  
J. V. Moore

N.B

I think the greatest difficulty with the  
Ironholms negroes is that they don't-want to  
go to work again.