

Johns Excellency Gov. McGrath
Sir - The whose names are subscribed to this
paper would respectfully represent to your
Excellency that we live in that part of
Abbeville Dist. S. C. which is situated be-
tween Little river on the north and
east and Savannah river on the
south + west. A large portion of
the flat Woods + others of the most pro-
fitable lands of Abbeville are embraced
within these limits and are cultivated
+ tilled by several thousands of negr-
es besides their owners and agents
who live together with their
families. This section of country
as might be supposed is subject
to fevers of all kinds, pneumonia
and all other diseases peculiar to this
climate and of course require the
services of a skilful physician.
At the beginning of this war we
had Drs. Myerbrough, William
Taggart and Thomas J. Hester

to practice in our midst and for
us. But since & during the progress
of the war Dr Garbrough has been
removed by death from us, Dr
Teggart has been appointed
Surgeon in the Confederate
army and we have now no
other physician left us in this
wide scope of country, but
Dr Thomas J. Hester ³² years
old and a subject to be
called out from our midst
whenever by our excellency
shall see proper to call out
the militia according to & under
the enactments of the last legis-
lature. We therefore, after setting
forth these facts, respectfully
solicit your excellency to go
out on expedition to the
said Dr Thomas J. Hester
that he might remain

and for science for us - and
for your children, we will
ever pray -

George Graves L. A. Sturwood
Charles Allen

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Dr. Thos. Hester

Wm. H. Hester
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