

To His Excellency
Gen. A. G. Magrath.
Gov.

Under the Academic organization of the Citadel Corps, I was Senior Cadet Officer in the Battalion. When the Corps took the field the Cadet Commissioned officers were reduced to Sergeants, retaining their rank in regard to each other. On the fourth of Jan, I was, on recommendation of Surg. Selye, sent to Columbia for light-duty. On the seventh of Jan, the cadets who had been acting Sergeants were by orders from the Governor appointed Lieutenants. Those present for duty were promoted and I being on the above mentioned duty was not promoted until my return on the 17th/Seventeenth of Feb. by which I was thrown junior to four officers to whom I had always been Senior. Maj. White says that it was on no account of misconduct in any ~~the~~ cause other than that I was not with the command. The Surgeon did not recommend my going to Columbia, but for light-duty. I remained in the field some days afterwards, doing such duties as I was able. Maj. White sent me from the command and then refused to give me my rank for being absent. According to the Army Regulations nothing short of my being placed on the retired list would have deprived me of my rank, and while we are in the field we are in the Army.

and should to a certain degree be governed by its laws.
There is no law in the Regulations of the Academy by
which I could have justly been deprived of my office
under the above named circumstances.

Hoping that you will give me my rank as
Senior Ensign-Lieut in the 13th S.C.

I remain Sir, your most
Obedient-Servant
G. H. Deas

Sec^d Lt Co "A" 13th S.C.

G. N. Beane.

Statement

of his claim to the Camp

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Gov. A. G. Magrath

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