

Hagood's Brigade
near Smithfield

Mich 26. 1865-

My dear Gov.

Be pleased to accept my warm
thanks for your appointment as Judge
Advocate General of the State. On its
receipt I forwarded my resignation
accompanied with an application
for leave pending its action. This
has been warmly approved by all
the intermediate Commanders, but
I learn to-day has been disapp-
roved by Genl Joe Johnston, &c.

I write therefore with a view to
my entering on the duties of the
office with you, to ask that you
telegraph President Davis requesting
his acceptance of my resignation
& also write to him to the same
effect, as I understand this is
the only way it can be fixed.

I really feel in making this

request as if I was trespassing too
much on your kindness, but you
have in the past exhibited to me
so much consideration, that I
am induced to ask this favor
of you. We are now resting here
busy in re-organizing the army.
Sherman has united with Schofield
& has 65,000 men at Goldsboro.
Johnston has Hoke's Division 5000
Hoods army 9000 & Hardee's 9000
in all 24,000 men exclusive
of Cavalry.

With the highest personal esteem
& with the wish that your ad-
-ministration may be as success-
-ful as your warmest friends
can desire, believe me as
ever

Yours most truly
& sincerely

Thos. G. Simms