

S. C. Kershaw Dist April 4th 1865

To his Excellency the Governor
We the under signed do humbly petition
your Excellency's Honor for the detail of
our Neighbour and Citizen: Francis Nelson,
as a public Necessity as we are in a great deal
of trouble and distress on account of the
Burning of mills by the Yankies and the
Crowded State that the few mills that are
left unburned makes the Necessity the greater
and more urgent for his detail as he is the
only Mill Wright that that we can

Whose Services we can procure to keep
our Mills in repair and rebuild those
that are Burned. Said F. Nelson has
hitherto bin undisturbed as a Mill
Wright but the late act of Congress
having made him liable for Conscripture
and having bin Summoned before the Enrolling
officer for Kershaw Dist S. C. and on appearing
before Said officer he advised that application
be made to the Governor and he the Said
F. Nelson cannot contract to rebuild or
repair any mill, till the application
be made and therefore your petitioning

Will ever pray
Kershaw } J. H. Rose }
Barwell } }
Richland }
Josief }
Evans & Kelly
owners of publick ^{Dist} Mills