

Newberry 4th March 1865

My Dear Sir

Yours of 27th inst. was received this morning I assure you I will render you all the assistance I can in trying to relieve the destute & suffering in Columbia our town & immediate surrounding county have already sent to Columbia from this place Six wagon loads of provisions the wagon left this place on Thursday morning last & I suppose will reach Columbia today we are still collecting in supplies at this place. but we will have great difficulty in procuring transfer taken it is almost impossible to procure teams. Horses & mules are scarce in our District & the time has arrived that planters must prepare for another crop I can make no Suggestions but I hope Some plan will be adopted to keep some team remaining from this place to Columbia hauling provisions for the storing in the country through which the enemy passed I have two Bacon hams I have been keeping for you & will send them to you the first opportunity I am in feeble health not able to take much exercise-can indulge but little labor but can think and talk and will do all I can to have been in bad health for the last two months. but am now improving am feeling better for the last few days than I have since November last

His Excellency
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Spartanburg, C.H.
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Yours respectfully
E.P. Lake