

Columbia S.C.  
Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 1865

His Excellency  
A.G. Magrath  
Governor

My dear Sir

I appeal to Your Excellency in behalf of an aged and infirm friend who in the day of his strength served the State faithfully & who now, at the End of his Life asks for her protection! Col. John S. Ashe, advanced in years, perfectly blind, & as helpless as an infant, driven from his home by the Enemy, had found a resting place in the town of Camden. he is there indebted to Mr. Haille for such care & sympathy as humanity dictates, & as the ordinary feelings of the human heart are ready to accord. Mr. Haille is [unreadable] to him as a mother to a child. Col. Ashe 's overseer is already in the ranks. he had no family & this neighbor is his last support. I believe he [Haille] is liable to be called in to service and I ask as a favor to [?] & to others that you will either exempt [unreadable] of no particular efficiency or grant Mr. Haille such furlough to be received as the public service may sanction & as you may be fit to exclude.

With very high respect & regard and in behalf of those who [unreadable] me in [unreadable].

I am dear Sir

faithfully

yours

Alfred Huger

(signed by Huger and seven others)