

State of South Carolina

Union District

To His Excellency, A.G. Magrath

Governor of the said State-

Application is hereby respectfully made for the exemption from State military service of Rev. W.D. Beverly, 35<sup>th</sup> Regiment. S.C.M. on the following grounds-

He is the regular pastor in charge of the Baptist Church at Union C.H., [8 the Padget?], Creek Church and New Hope Church in said district. He is the only pastor connected with either of said churches. He has been a minister of religion authorized to preach according to the rules of his church for thirteen years past, and was regularly employed in the discharge of his ministerial duties on the first day of May, 1831, and has been constantly so engaged since that time. He is not, nor has been during his ministerial career engaged in traffic of any kind.

He respectfully shows that if he is withdrawn from his pastoral charges, they will be left entirely destitute of the services of a minister of religion.

To show the private [?] requiring this exemption the applicant states that he has dependent upon him a family, consisting of an invalid wife and five children all of whom are girls except the youngest, an infant. Having no relatives in the section of country in which he now lives to take care of his said helpless family in his absence, he has every reason to fear that they will suffer from a want of the [?] of life if he is withdrawn from their support.

This further shows that h is physically unfit for military service in the field from the effects of chronic rheumatism and a [?] attack of typhoid fever, and he confidently believes will be found unable to endure the exposure and hardship of a military campaign. Being persuaded that from the reasons above set forth he can effect more good in his present vocation than in any other position to which he may be assigned, he asks an exemption as aforesaid and will even pray and so forth.

Sworn to and subscribed

before me this 11<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1865

W.D. Beverly

[Jas B. Sherrman?]

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Before the undersigned personally appeared Col. F. [Scaife?] and William [Ellen?] [?] respectable citizens worthy of credit, who having been by me duly sworn, [?] that to the best of their knowledge information and belief, al the facts set forth in the foregoing application of Rev. W.D. Beverly are strictly true in each and every particular.

Sworn to and subscribed

F. Scaife[?]

Before me this 11<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1865

Mr. W. Ellen [?]

[Jas B. Sherrman?]

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I am intimately acquainted with the Rev. W.D. Beverly and know the facts stated by him to be true, and hope his Excellency in consideration of the facts and circumstances stated will grant him the exemption asked for.

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Clerk Court Common

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